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Family of accused Luke fly to his side

THE FAMILY of Luke Walker have flown out to Greece today as he prepares to go on trial later this month accused of killing his girlfriend.

His father Patrick and elder brother Ryan have joined Luke's mother Lindy in Crete ahead of the trial, which starts on October 16.

Prosecutors claim Luke, of Brierley Hill, beat Chelsea Hyndman, aged 20, to death in the holiday resort of Malia in 2010.

It is not known how long the trial will last but his family are pinning their hopes on evidence from defence witnesses, including some of her friends.

The 24-year-old has been forced to remain in the country since he was charged. His family has been travelling back and forth to see Luke who has been staying in a rented apartment.

Electrical contractor Mr Walker said the family was "praying" for a positive outcome after months of despair waiting for the case to be heard.

"We have wanted this to arrive for so long but I'm still nervous about it," said the 55-year-old who runs Walkers Electric. "I can't remember a normal life, and to have not had Luke back home for so long now is still so upsetting."

Society move is 'catalyst'

WEST Bromwich Building Society's move to The Waterfront in Brierley Hill will be the catalyst for regeneration, according to a well-known business tycoon.

Bosses have sealed a deal to move the society's HQ from West Bromwich to the Point North building at The Waterfront. Businessman Roy Richardson, who developed The Waterfront and Merry Hill shopping centre with his brother Don, has welcomed the move.

Mr Richardson said: "We are delighted."

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Dog trainer gets suspended jail sentence after fatal attack



Peter Mihalyi

A SLOVAKIAN military dog trainer has been given a suspended jail sentence after dogs under his control launched two attacks at other animals in Stourbridge.

One of the pet dogs attacked died from injuries sustained in the incident. Its 77-year-old owner also suffered bites and scratches, Dudley Magistrates Court heard last week.

Peter Mihalyi, aged 52, of Brook Crescent, Stourbridge, had taken his dog Jack, a bull mastiff and pit bull terrier cross, out for a walk with two Brazilian-bred dogs called Pablo and Diesel he was looking after for a friend on April 18. They went to Wollescote Park and Jack and

Pablo were allowed off their leads. Maureen Jacob was walking her two-year-old bichon frise cross called Tess in the park when she saw Jack and Pablo running towards them.

Mrs Lynda Gudgeon, prosecuting, said they launched a "vicious" attack, leaving Tess with serious injuries.

On April 27, Julia Darby was with her pedigree Staffordshire bull terrier called Alfie in Sensall Road, Wollescote, as Mihalyi was walking Jack off the lead on the opposite side of the road. Jack ran over and bit Alfie.

Mihalyi was found guilty at a previous hearing of being the owner of a dog dangerously out of

control in a public place and causing injury on April 18. He admitted having a dog dangerously out of control in a public place on April 27.

Mihalyi was given 12 weeks' jail suspended for 12 months for each offence, to run concurrently, and 200 hours unpaid work. He was told to pay Mrs Jacob's vet bill of £1,330.13 and Julia Darby's of £107.

He must also pay both owners £250 compensation and £750 court costs. He was banned from keeping dogs for four years. The dogs will be rehomed. Mr Harbinder Gahir, defending, said his client was a military dog handler in his native Slovakia before moving to the UK four years ago.

Approval is due on £1m plan for college

A £1.3MILLION expansion of a sixth form college in Stourbridge is expected to move a step forward with plans poised to be given the go-ahead.

The old De Saulles building in St John's Road has been earmarked for the development by King Edward VI College.

Bosses want to build a two-storey mathematics centre at the site, in St John's Road, for the 500 students who study the subject every year.

But residents in St Giles Row, off Lower High Street are concerned their homes will be overlooked by the development.

A letter was sent to the council on behalf of 32 residents saying they did not object to the development of the college but would prefer a single-storey building created to protect their privacy.

But the proposals have been recommended for approval by planning officers despite the objections because they say the development "would not adversely affect" residential properties.

The plans will go before the council's planning committee a meeting on October 9.

A report says the former De Saulles warehouse building currently stands vacant and is falling into a state of disrepair.

Lenny joins venue fight

DUDLEY funnyman Lenny Henry threw his weight behind the campaign to save the town's Hippodrome when he visited a foundry in his home town.

"It is a building with lots of history to it, and it is always important to preserve any live venue," he said as he visited Thomas Dudley.

"There are always people who will see it as progress when you knock a building down but with a town as old as Dudley, history is very important."

TOWN TO PLAY ITS PART IN REVAMP

By Andrew Turton

RESIDENTS in Stourbridge are being given the chance to have their say on regeneration plans that are set to transform the town centre.

Boosting tourism and visitors numbers to the town are key priorities for council bosses outlining the new project. The action plan includes proposals for new shops, offices and homes along with improvements to transport routes for walkers and cyclists and better public spaces. Making improvements around the town's notorious ring road are also seen

as vital to the town's future prosperity.

Dudley Council has published the final draft of the Stourbridge Area Action Plan and it will now go out for public consultation until November 12.

Among the ideas up for discussion are the creation of new pathways for visitors to the River Stour and pedestrian crossing points on parts of Stourbridge Ring Road.

New green space is proposed along the banks of the River Stour to encourage wildlife and promote walking and cycling.

Focus

Deputy council leader and regeneration chief, Councillor Shaikat Ali, said the transformation of older industrial areas of the town would be the focus of the scheme.

"The plans for the regeneration of Stourbridge town centre and the existing industrial areas on the northern edge of Stourbridge Ring Road will provide a welcome boost to the local economy and improve the environment for all," he said.

"These are exciting proposals, which will improve shopping, living, working and socialising in Stourbridge as well as delivering new green spaces and environmental improvements alongside the River Stour."

"I would encourage people to view the document to find out more and take part in what is shaping up to be a very exciting future for the town."

Trilling time ahead for singer



Lorraine Payne warms up for next week's production of Turandot in Birmingham

A MOTHER of two from Stourbridge will star in a major opera next week.

Lorraine Payne, 47, a graphic designer and soprano from the Old Quarter, Stourbridge, will star in Midland Opera's Turandot at the Crescent Theatre, Birmingham, on the 9th, 11th and 13th October.

Mrs Payne said: "I started singing 10

years ago in the chorus and as time went by I got bigger roles. I am very excited to be a part of this opera. I used to get really nervous but I've been doing it for so long, it's just part of my life now."

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School road safety call over fear of accidents

COUNCIL officials have agreed to look at safety measures after campaigners demanded action to halt drivers travelling at double the speed limit near to a school in Wordsley. It is feared a serious accident could happen along Balmoral Road unless steps are taken.

The road feeds into Bells Lane and is used by parents taking their children to Ashwood Park Primary School and close to King George V Park. Dudley Council officials have agreed to look at possibilities following a request from ward councillor Derrick Hemingsley.

Criticism over ticket closure

A GROUP representing rail passengers has criticised the closure of Lye railway station ticket office under cost-cutting plans.

It is the only one in the Black Country to be axed under changes announced by the Department for Transport. Offices will be closed at Witton, Birmingham, and Wythall, after London Midland said fewer than half of tickets were bought across the counter.

Stourbridge Line User Group (SLUG) chairman, Rob Hebron, said: "London Midland warned us that they wanted the Government to allow them to reduce staffing at stations."

"We presented a strong case for maintaining staffing but the Department for Transport has ignored the passengers' organisations. We expected a compromise not a rubber stamp."

"There is no substitute for face-to-face contact. Station staff provide reassurance for passengers."

Offices at five stations earmarked for closure by London Midland have been spared - but will operate at reduced hours.

They are Walsall's Bescot Stadium and Small Heath, the Jewellery Quarter, Duddeston and Adderley Park, Birmingham.

He carried out a survey with residents in the road after the issue came to light - receiving unanimous support from homeowners.

Among the options being considered are flashing warning signs which illuminate when drivers breach the 30mph speed limit.

"Some of the speeds the cars are reaching are unbelievable, I've been told they can reach anything up to 70 mph," he said.

"The school is at the bottom of the road and it can be busy down here with parents parking."

"Vehicles are often speeding during the times when children walk to or leave Ashwood Park School."

Scheme

Councillor Hemingsley added: "Vehicle activated signs have proven to be successful in other parts of the borough. I have asked council officers to investigate my concerns and will await their report and best course of action."

Headteacher Steve Hudson welcomed the views of residents and Councillor Hemingsley. "Anything that can be done to keep the children safe is good news with me," he said.

Council highways chief, Councillor Judy Foster, said: "The request will be added to the local safety scheme assessment for the next financial year 2013/14."

"The assessment process will be carried out in the coming months prior to Christmas this year and if these assessments justify measures being introduced it will be added to the programme of works."



Councillor Derrick Hemingsley outside the school

Delay is granted on flats

DEVELOPERS have been given more time by planners to transform a former ambulance station in Stourbridge.

New planning laws to help construction firms keep building plans alive during the tough economic conditions have been used.

The building at the rear of the Cross Inn, in Hagley Road, Oldswinford, was used as an ambulance station until 1960.

It has been used occasionally for pub storage ever since.

The front of the site is a partly overgrown and enclosed by a brick wall.

Wolverhampton-based brewery and pub group Marstons submitted an application for a time limit extension to Dudley Council.

The firm, which operates the Cross Inn, wants to demolish the old ambulance station to build three flats with parking spaces for four cars.

Dudley Council's planning department have approved the scheme.

They have awarded a new three year time limit for the development to start.

Pool is closed

STOURBRIDGE'S Crystal Leisure Centre pool was closed for repairs for the third time this year after a water circulation pipe broke. The pool was shut for three days while work costing £850 was carried.

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Moochers Jailhouse has been created at the former Conservative Club building, New Road, and work is entering its final phase. The site will

feature professional recording facilities which can be used by bands and a live music area for groups.

Bosses said work on the interior was nearly finished and improvements to the exterior were due to start shortly.

The owners said they were confident everything would be ready for the

October 19 opening. People still have time to apply for jobs and should log on to www.moochersjailhouse.com and post their CVs. The venue will open with a party night with performances by live bands. The owners are in talks with schools and colleges about students using it for lessons.

Olympic boxing trainer sets up college academy

DUDLEY boxing coach who was part of Britain's Olympic medal-winning team has set up a new academy at Stourbridge College to promote the sport to youngsters.

by Tom Mason

Trainer Bob Dillon, aged 55, from the Lions Boxing Club, Brierley Hill, has been involved with the Olympic team for years and played a big part in past successes including champion Amir Kahn.

Mr Dillon has set up the academy with the help of local coaches.

He said: "We are a great country but we need to be pushing the official side of boxing as well, British amateur boxing is only going to get better and better."

He said: "I was so proud to be British at this year's Olympics, I felt 10ft tall and the support of the normal man in the street was astonishing."

The trainer also praised the work of head coach Robert McCracken, who he said, was the prime reason for the team's success.

"We expected everything we got at the Olympics but we also had our share of good and bad luck, the way

the athletes performed was amazing."

Mr Dillon's involvement in boxing started when he joined Kinver Boxing Club at the age of 11.

After an 18-year career as an amateur boxer, winning tournaments and earning selection for the England Youth team, he decided to take up coaching full time at Warley Boxing Club before moving on to the Lions club, in Bull Street. He has since helped schools create boxing clubs to encourage the sport at a younger age and get more girls in.

Mr Dillon, said: "Girls used to feel the sport was a bit of a freak show but now a lot more girls want to become involved."

The Lions club was due to stage an auction on Wednesday where one of the lots was two gloves signed by team GB. Cash raised will buy equipment for the gym.



Team GB Boxing Coach Bob Dillon with son and Head Junior Coach Kevin, left, and boxer Ashley Nixon and one of the boxing gloves signed by the Team GB boxers

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Owner sent to jail over dog's head hole injury

THE owner of a dog which suffered "catastrophic" injuries, including a hole in the skull, has been jailed for more than three months and his partner banned from keeping animals for 12 years.

by Craig Hughes

The Jack Russell had to be put down after suffering a blow to the head at least two times, a court was told.

Jake Adderley, 23, and Rebecca Perkins, 20, of Brierley Hill, denied causing the injuries but both admitted failing to protect the dog, called Patch, from pain, injury or suffering.

Adderley was charged with failing to ensure the welfare of the dog between October 6 and 14 and causing unnecessary suffering by not seeking adequate veterinary care for a head injury between October 19 and 28.

At Walsall Magistrates Court last week he was sentenced to 14 weeks jail while Perkins was handed a community order for 160 hours unpaid work for failing to ensure the welfare of an animal from October 19 to 28.

The pair of Belmont Road were both banned from

keeping animals for 12 years and told to pay £750 costs. The court heard they had sought advice from the Water Front Veterinary Centre and PDASA with a number of different injuries.

The dog was taken to Water Front Veterinary Centre with a hole in its head and a fractured skull on October 28.

It had to be put down with claims Patch had suffered injuries from falling down the stairs. Mr Michael Davies, defending Perkins, said she had taken the dog to six appointments.

Mr Mandeep Bassi, representing Adderley, said he maintained he never harmed the pet.

District Judge Michael Morris said the animal had suffered "catastrophic" injuries and although it is not known who caused them they must have both been aware of the abuse.

Cheers for new store



Manager Stewart Wilson and staff member Mandy Spencer at the new Sainsbury's

A STORE has opened its doors to shoppers following months of work to convert a former pub building. Staff and residents gathered at the new Sainsbury's, in Lawnswood Road, Wordsley, as Dudley's Mayor, Councillor Melvyn Mottram, cut a ribbon to open it.

The 25,000 sq ft shop has been created at the former Red Lion pub and includes an in-store bakery.

Representatives from the Phoenix Centre charity, Wordsley, were also on hand for the official opening. The charity, which runs a pre-school and playgroup for children with additional needs, is being supported by the store.

Manager Stewart Wilson said the first day of trading had been "extremely busy" and he was pleased with the response from residents. He said: "It has been excellent for us so far. We have had literally hundreds of people coming in to look around the new store."

Walk on the wood side

A FIVE-MILE guided woodland ramble over the Clent Hills, near Stourbridge, will be held on October 10, starting at 10am. Meet at Nimmings Wood car park and anyone wanting to join the walk, which costs £2, should call the organiser on 01562 712822.

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NEWS

Battered bridge given spy-camera protection

AN HISTORIC hump-backed canal bridge near Stourbridge that has taken a battering from hit-and-run drivers is now under special protection – from a spy camera.

The 240-year-old bridge over the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal at Causall, near Cookley, is having £30,000 worth of repairs after being hit six times by vehicles in the past 18 months.

Now it has become the first of its kind in the country to get CCTV sensors to guard against future knocks.

The Canal and River Trust cares for 2,800 historical bridges and has invested in the repairs to the parapet and railings. It has taken the "unprecedented" step of installing CCTV to catch any hit-and-run drivers.

And it is appealing to motorists to slow down when crossing such bridges to avoid the daily toll of damage. The work on the bridge, just off the A449, has coincided with similar repairs, costing £15,000, being carried out by Worcestershire County Council on the nearby

one over the River Stour. As a result Causall Road has been closed to traffic since September 3 – but was due to reopen by this Friday.

Nigel Crowe, head of heritage for the trust, said: "Hump-backed bridges, synonymous with Britain's canal network, were built for the passage of horse-



Badly battered – the historic Causall canal bridge before the repair work



Workers Anona Potts and Anthony Harris check out the work



Patched up... the bridge after some of the repair work

drawn carts, not for today's speeding motorists, who cause up to £1 million damage to bridges each year. The majority of accidents are 'hit and run', leaving the trust unable to recoup the cost of the damage from drivers' insurers and diverting vital funds away from work to conserve the nation's water-

ways." If the CCTV proves successful, the trust will consider installing more sensors at other black spots. "It really isn't rocket science – if you see a hump-backed bridge sign then slow down and you will save yourself and us a great deal of expense and aggravation," Mr Crowe added.

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A dirty job but someone had to do it – peeling potatoes was necessary



This Scout hut was replaced by the one that still stands in Ironstone Road



Chase Terrace Scouts take part in one of their successful stage shows



Scout leaders enjoy one of the summer camps during the 1950s



Reunion organiser Dave Robinson as a boy with his elder brother

Reunion of Scouts as 1950s summer camps are recalled

by Ron Bradbury

NEXT Thursday, On October 11, there will be a reunion of old Chase Terrace Scouts at the Spinney Club, Chase Terrace courtesy of David Robinson of Robinson's Butchers.

The collection of photos shown here are mainly of summer camps in Teignmouth, in Devon or at Shanklin on the Isle of Wight.

The Scoutmaster for many years was the revered Bert Wright and he can be seen on some of the group photos. Later, the Scout group was led

by the much thought of Archie Smith.

The photos were taken in the early 1950s, and at this time the hotels and such like at Shanklin had not all re-opened after the war.

One photo shows a bunch of Scouts peeling potatoes – well someone had to do them if you wanted to eat.

Another photo shows some of the Scouts on Shanklin Station with suitcases etc, on their way home. The Isle of Wight were running ex-London - Underground trains, and these still

run today providing a bit of fun to the journey to Ryde. Back home the Scouts carried on with the fun with their gang shows, and one photo shows them on stage in what was usually a successful show.

The Scout hut shown is the one that was replaced by the building that stands in Ironstone Road to this day.

David Robinson is shown as a young lad on one of the photos with his elder brother's arm around him.

Any old Scouts wishing to attend the reunion an contact David via the Burntwood shop or the shop on the corner of Spinney Lane.



An old group shot featuring former Scoutmaster Bert Wright



A group of Scouts at Shanklin Station on the Isle of Wight

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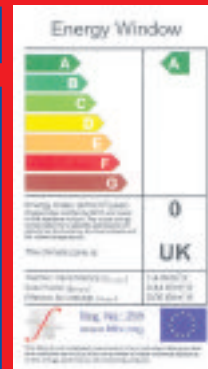
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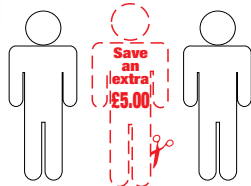
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LETTERS**Treasures can be under your nose**

HOW often it is that we search far and wide for perfect treasures, yet we sometimes fail to spot the gems that exist right under our noses.

Such was the case when my wife and I visited Walsall Town Hall on September 15 for their "Last Night at the Proms" concert organised by Walsall Rotary Club for a cancer charity.

The concert itself was very enjoyable, featuring the Walsall Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Clive Allsop and the Sheffield Male Voice choir.

In addition, there were two extremely talented and well-travelled young performers, Warren Mailley-

Smith and Susan Parkes, who were far and away the stars of the show.

Pianist, Warren Mailley Smith was unbelievable, playing without music sheets, his delivery of pieces known for being complex, turbulent and vibrant that would test the most accomplished of performers was excellent.

Strong, tempestuous and contrasting themes delivered faultlessly. Soprano, Susan Parkes was born in Walsall and is fiercely proud of her Black Country heritage.

Her personality and confidence shone through the moment she walked on stage. Then, after a brief introduc-

tion, she walked across stage away from the microphone.

Sitting near to the back of the hall, we expected to listen intently just to hear the songs. Instead, we were absolutely stunned to be suddenly overwhelmed by a tsunami of wonderful strong sounds emanating from this lovely, slender young lady.

She was unbelievable. I would urge anyone interested in opera to listen to Susan Parkes, most certainly a Black Country treasure.

MICHAEL CLIFF
Holcroft Road
Wall Heath

**Ineptitude
has turned
town into
dead zone**

TO destroy a historic building like the Hippodrome and replace it with a monstrosity like The Public, that the people of West Bromwich were lumbered with by Sandwell Council, or more piles of scrap metal like those we already have on our traffic islands, would be bad enough.

But to replace part of Dudley's heritage with yet another car park, is crass beyond belief.

It shows that Dudley Council under New Labour's control is just as inept and lacking in the imagination needed to drive the regeneration of a historic town as all the previous administrations which, between them, have managed to turn Dudley into the dead zone it is today.

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**Have no illusions,
Tesco will bring ruin**

IT was sad but not surprising to read of two more shops shutting in Stourbridge partly due to the disruption of the redevelopment taking place in order to accommodate Tesco.

Our councillors would have us believe the town will gain in the end, and it will bring more business to the existing shops.

I would say just look at what has happened in Cradley Heath, since Tesco came the town has died, people go to Tesco and get everything they need in one place.

The same will happen in Stourbridge, anyone who thinks otherwise is living in Cloud Cuckoo Land. I think there is another side to the whole thing also, many of your readers will remember the Tesco in Dudley town, they opened a number over the years only to move on when it suited, the notable one being the huge one in King Street which is now Cousins, my point being Tesco will disrupt many people's lives in their quest for more profit, but owe no loyalty to anyone but themselves.

RON GWILLIAMS
Salcombe Drive, Brierley Hill

**Scheme
will bring
nothing
of worth**

I READ with trepidation of the scheme for Dudley Council to undertake extensive refurbishment at Elizabeth House, Holloway Chambers and Holloway Hall in Priory Street, Dudley.

If this scheme is anything like the one on The Crown pub in Wolverhampton Street we taxpayers are in for a lot of expense with nothing to show for it.

If the Townscape Heritage Initiative funded The Crown I suggest they come and inspect the end result and question how long this building has been left empty.

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NEWS

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The children from VJ's Dance Centre, which meets every Saturday at

Withymore Primary School, Gayfield Avenue, Brierley Hill, are now busy preparing for next year's annual show at Brierley Hill Civic.

Centre principal Vicky Williams, said: "The pupils never cease to amaze me and their results in the ballet, tap and modern disciplines are richly deserved."

"The emphasis at the school is to have fun learning new dance skills but if we can do that and still achieve such a success, it's proof that the formula

works well. Thirty per cent managed top marks and all the others secured excellent results.

"I believe we have achieved a remarkably good balance between the demands of exam work and just having a good time expressing ourselves in dance. We're now busy working on next May's show which promises to be both a colourful and creative event."

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Ballet season raises curtain on theatre's brand new stage

Opposites Attract, Birmingham Hippodrome
BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet were the first company to grace the new stage at their home theatre with this triple bill linked by a theme of male-female relationships.

They started with Take Five, company director David Bintley's joyful, flirtatious dances to the sound of Dave Brubeck's groovy 1950s jazz, brilliantly recreated by a quartet from the Colin Towns Band.

This light and frothy concoction seems to owe as much to the Young Generation as classical ballet.

Vibrant

It is a vibrant delight that always puts smiles on faces, especially when Carol Anne Millar is flitting across the stage or Elisha Willis and Tyrone Singleton dance a five-minute love affair. Joseph Caley's Flying Solo routine was thrilling.

Lyric Pieces, which got its premier in Birmingham earlier this year, is an intriguing and enjoyable collection of dances choreographed by Jessica Lang to Edward Grieg's piano music.

The only scenery is provided by reams of black corrugated paper which the dancers unfurl to create pillars, walls and bridges. At first it is gimmick-like and the rasping rustle of the paper distracting. But these dances derived from folklore are engaging with Maureya Lebowitz particularly delightful in the March of the Trolls. Pianist Jonathan Higgins was outstanding.

Final piece Grosse Fuge is a moody and passionate piece about the war of the sexes by Dutch choreographer Hans van Manen, set on a stark stage and set to the music of Beethoven.

It is a muscular work which required some of the company's finest dancers as womankind - Victoria Marr, Elisha Willis, Momoko Hirata and Samara Downs - responded to a show of strength from the men - Joseph Caley, Chi Cao, Matthew Lawrence and Iain Mackay.

It's back to the classical repertoire for the rest of the season as the BRB perform Swan Lake at Birmingham Hippodrome this week, final performance Saturday.

Leon Burakowski



Joseph Caley - Flying Solo in jazz ballet Take Five

Now for something completely different

Rachel Sermanni, Glee Club Studio, Birmingham
WHILE it's too near a cliché to say Scottish singer Rachel Sermanni is unique, she does have a quality which is most definitely different.

In appearance, she is like a female Johnny Depp and even has the vulnerable quality of his character Edward Scissorhands and when on stage she has movement reminiscent of a Victorian automaton.

However, this perfectly complements her voice which is strong, versatile, has seemingly unlimited power coupled with the clarity and quality of Katie Melua.

She opened her set with Ever Since the Chocolate from her album Under Mountains when she displayed an

almost childlike quality to her singing that belies the deep clear and powerful tones she can wield at will.

Sermanni uses her guitar sparingly, relying instead upon her vocal range. She easily moved from the light ballad to a more blues-style song, Bones, where the depth and rawness of her singing would have made Janis Joplin proud.

Lyrics

She gave the packed out Glee Club Studio a glint of her lighter side with the Burger Van Song which was inspired by a particularly irritating man who sprinkled sugar on his chips instead of salt and then blamed her. Perhaps not the greatest premise on which to base a song but she made it

work, scattering the lyrics with a pseudo-rap style which had hints of Kate Nash's pre-punk incarnation.

Sermanni has this ability to move her voice around a song like a light on a screen designed to test your reactions. The perfect illustration was I've Got a Girl, which had a broken form that musically portrayed the bizarre nature of dreams and perfectly captured the disturbing way in which images can change with no real connection, rhyme or reason. It had a staccato quality like a vocal tango.

Such is the confidence Sermanni has in her voice that towards the end of the set she unplugged her guitar and moved from the mic to treat her fans to an acoustic version of Song to a Fox.

Danny Farragher

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The aim of the event is to promote open discussion of mental health and get people taking time out. Talking together and taking part



in fun activities is a fantastic way to reduce stress. Nick Gillingham, Olympic Swimmer will be in attendance to talk about how mental health can significantly impact on your physical health, and there will also be a number of community groups and NHS professionals in attendance to offer advice and guidance on your health and wellbeing, as well as a variety of games and competitions for everyone to get involved in.

It promises to be a great family fun day out packed with lots of activities and interactive workshops as well as displays of information about services in the borough which can help you improve your health and wellbeing.

Trust Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust was set up in October 2008 to provide mental health services in both community and inpatient settings. Our vision is to be "Better Together" delivering flexible, high-quality, evidence-based services to enable people to achieve recovery.

The Trust serves a population of approximately 306,600 in Dudley and 255,900 in Walsall, providing core mental health and social care services from 37 locations across the two boroughs and also to neighbouring Trust's in Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Birmingham and Warwickshire.

For further information on this event please contact:
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NEWS

Decision is brewing

A BREWERY which will bring beer-making back to a historic Black Country pub for the first time in 150 years could be launched next month, it has been announced.

The Fownes Brewing Company has submitted plans to turn outbuildings at the Jolly Crispin, in Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, into the new brewery. Bosses today said they were expecting a decision to be made by Dudley Council this week as no objections have been received so far.

Girls fly flag for design



Maisie Cumming and Phoebe Cresswell, both aged 13, STUDENTS flew the flag for Kingswinford after about 160 at The Kingswinford School submitted designs for a new town flag.

It has been officially recognised as the UK Flag Institute's Register for Kingswinford after a project launched by ward Councillor Dave Tyler, a former pupil.

He brought in expert Philip Tibbetts to help designs but it took two years for designs to be whittled down and ratification of the winning entry, by Phoebe Cresswell and Maisie Cumming, both 13, and now in Year 9.

It features a wild boar, taking inspiration from the town's mention in the Domesday Book. Residents voted on the winner on the school website. Head of art Sharon Bianco said they hoped it would soon fly in the town centre.

Parents' fears for daughter's heart

THE PARENTS of a 13-year-old girl who has been diagnosed with an irregular heartbeat after collapsing twice at school say they are worried she will suffer more attacks.

Ellie-Mae Hossack's family say they are scared to send her back to school after other cases of youngsters dying from rare heart defects - including 15-year-old Hagley rugby player Luke Chapman.

She was rushed to Russells Hall Hospital twice within five days after falling ill at the Kingswinford School in Stourbridge.

She was sent home from hospital after being diagnosed with an irregular heartbeat and is not due to see a specialist until November. But after her parents Debbie and Martin complained last week she was admitted to hospital for further checks.

They say they are "constantly worried" that she could fall ill again.

She originally suffered chest and arm pains, dizziness and nausea on September 14, and then again on September 19. But Mr



Debbie and Ellie-Mae

Hossack, a 51-year-old former lorry driver, said: "There have been so many cases lately with youngsters having heart problems that it really does make you worry. You feel like it is just for the grace of God that things could have been much worse."

Luke Chapman, aged 15, from Hagley, died from a sudden irregular heartbeat while playing rugby for his school on March 20.

Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS trust said it was unable to comment.

Band release single

A STOURBRIDGE band is due to release its debut single next month.

The Lights will release Days Don't Get Me Far Enough Away on November 5. The single has already been played on national and regional radio stations. It follows the band's successful 2011 album release Teenager of the Century. The band is now filming a new video that will feature Radio 2 DJ's Janice Long, Jeremy Vine and Alex Lester, as well as 6 Music DJ Chris Hawkins.

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Zac and Freya Overthrow and winning Zara Phillips scarecrow at Belbroughton Scarecrow Festival

Top crow jumper

THOUSANDS of people enjoyed a multi-coloured showing of sporting prowess and royalty at the 15th annual Belbroughton Scarecrow Festival.

More than 100 scarecrows were made and presented by the villagers outside their homes for the weekend event. The theme was 2012, and many scarecrows were of Olympic and Paralympic heroes and the Royal family. Zac Overthrow, nine, and sister Freya, five, won with a scarecrow of Zara Phillips on a horse.

The Belbroughton Primary School pupils made it with father Steve at their home.

Mother Louise said: "After five years of entering it's nice to win something." Philip and Carol Worsley, were second with a scarecrow of an Olympic torch with its head as the flame.

Mr Worsley, 64, ex-deputy head at Perryfields High School, Oldbury, said: "The great British Olympics year was our inspiration." Organising committee publicity officer, Annette Adey said: "It was another great year, we had people come as far as Cardiff to see the displays."

Battling Jack stuns all as he starts at nursery

By Andrew Turton

A BRAVE young boy has battled back from the brink since suffering severe brain damage when he was knocked down in a road accident in the Black Country.

Jack George Pinder, aged three, has started nursery as he continues his recovery after the crash in Stourbridge.

He was airlifted to Birmingham Children's Hospital with serious head injuries after he was hit by a car towing a trailer on December 27.

The boy had run into the road during a family gathering in Wollaston, colliding with the trailer pulled by the Toyota Avenis.

He suffered multiple face fractures, as well as fractures to the roof of his mouth, skull fractures and was left with severe brain damage.

Doctors feared the worst saying his brain was so damaged that he may have lost many of his natural abilities including swallowing.

But Jack stunned medics and family to battle against the odds.

He returned to his Wollaston home earlier this year and has now been able to join classmates at nursery.

His mother Terri Gricic kept a vigil at his bedside in the days after the accident

as he was brought out of his induced coma.

But it was several weeks before Jack awoke and opened his eyes. The 33-year-old said she feared for her son's life when doctor told her the severity of his injuries. It was awful, but it has been a miracle and now he has reached another milestone, said Terri who also has a 12-year-old daughter Taylor.

She now wants to raise awareness of child safety on roads to try to stop similar accidents.

Rehabilitation

Jack started at The Bromley Special Nursery, in Bromley Lane, Kingswinford, last month and continues his rehabilitation thanks to the care of community health staff.

Terri is now focusing on helping to organise a fundraising event for Jack on October 22.

It will take place at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club, in Swindon Road, Wall Heath, from 1pm. Cash raised will go towards specialist equipment to support Jack. Visit www.justgiving.com/jack-georgeappeal



Jack George Pinder playing with his mother Terri Gricic, and his older sister, Taylor Handley, at their home in Lyttleton Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge

Gates are taken off for £5k spruce-up

A PAIR of historic gates which used to lead to a Stourbridge hospital have been whisked away for a facelift.

Dudley NHS is spending almost £5,000 on sprucing up the ornate wrought iron gates to the old Corbett Hospital building in High Street, Amblecote.

The move has been welcomed by local historians.

They say that the light blue-painted gates, which have an archaeological listing and are more than 100 years old, had become rusty looking and slightly bent.

When members of Amblecote History Society first spotted the gates had disappeared on Monday, they feared they may have been stolen by metal thieves.

But the alarm turned to delight when Dudley NHS, which now owns the site, revealed it had removed them for refurbishment.

Dudley NHS spokesman Lindsey Harding said: "Members of the local community were concerned about the condition of the gates and we found we had some money in our capital programme which would cover the cost of refurbishing them."

"They were corroded and had little bits missing but, when the specialist work is finished, they should be looking shiny and beautiful again."

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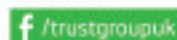
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Runaway successes



Sarah Gordon-Smith, left, Claire Truscott and Grahame Smith ready for the Kinver Rotary Club 10km Road Race

HUNDREDS of runners of all abilities and ages took part in a village fun run which raised £4,000 for charity.

The skies remained clear as the rain held off for the sixth annual Kinver Rotary Club race on Sunday.

A total of 270 runners set off on the 10km road race from Brindley Primary School at 10am, with most returning within the hour.

About 25 people also had a go at the family 2km race around the school grounds, which started at the same time from the Potters Cross venue.

Cheered

Cheered on by crowds and stewards along the way, Paul Hammond, from Wolverhampton and Bilston Running Club, finished first in just under 35 minutes.

Crossing the finishing line 20 seconds later was second placed Lee Slater, from Dudley Stourbridge Harriers.

The unemployed 29-year-old, of Swanfield Road in Wordsley, said: "The race began with an uphill 5km which knocked it out of you, but come the end it was

worth it. It's the first time I've done this event and I thought it was excellent, well supported by the village."

First for the women was Kathryn Morgans, also from Wolverhampton and Bilston Running Club.

She finished the race in just under 45 minutes. Kinver villager Jane Chapman proved age was not an obstacle when taking part in the race.

The 60-year-old, who is a family centre manager and lives in Dunsley Road, finished in one hour and four minutes.

She said: "I only took up running four years ago as a way to combat stress from work - I love it."

"I feel lucky to be able to run such a distance today at my age. It's a great event."

Kinver Rotary Club member and race organiser, John Pittwood, said: "When you see so many smiling faces crossing the finish line it is a good feeling."

"I'm glad it has all gone off well and we've raised a decent amount for charity."

The money raised will go to Dudley Action Heart Charity.

WEST Bromwich Building Society's decision to move its HQ to Dudley has been hailed as "excellent news" for the borough's economy.

Council chiefs and Dudley South MP Chris Kelly are among those who have welcomed the decision by the building society to uproot from its West Bromwich home and relocate to The Waterfront, near Merry Hill shopping centre.

Chief executive Jonathan Westhoff said the society was moving to the Point North development, into a former base of banking company egg.

After an extensive fit-out, it is hoped staff will move across to Dudley by autumn 2013.

Mr Westhoff said: "The brand is what the society's name represents, our goods and services, rather than a geographical location. We're keeping ourselves in this heartland, keeping ourselves in our home roots."

The society has been in West Bromwich for 160 years but bosses said its current home in a 1970s block, was no longer fit for purpose or its future plans. Chiefs then considered a new base at West Bromwich's £75million Providence Place development.

But bosses said the asking price was higher than expected, so they looked

By Adam Burling

towards Point North. Leader of Dudley Council David Sparks said the move was "excellent news" for the Waterfront and Dudley. Dudley South MP Chris Kelly said: "This is fantastic news for the local economy here in the Dudley borough."

Paul Bennett, president of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, said: "It's great to hear. Given the amount of vacant space at the Waterfront it's good that such a high profile local business is choosing to relocate there."



Musical is just what doctor ordered

THERE are dark goings-on in Hagley Theatre Group's Youth Section next show, the musical Jekyll and Hyde.

The talented youngsters will be looking to emulate the success they have achieved over the past few years, including their productions of Beauty and the Beast and Guys and Dolls.

Jekyll and Hyde is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's 1886 novella Strange Case of Dr

Jekyll and Mr Hyde. The musical version is relatively new being first staged in 1990 but did not get on to Broadway until in 1997.

The production will be staged at Hagley Community Centre on the 10th October 10, 11, 12 and 13 at 7.30pm.

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NEWS

Peer tells villagers their building fear unfounded

CAMPAIGNERS' fears over housing developments in Hagley are "unfounded" Lord Cobham, owner of Hagley Hall and Park, has said in an open letter.

Hundreds of people carrying placards marched to the gates of the 18th Century hall to deliver their own letter opposing the proposed developments.

They are demanding a rethink on the plans, including one for 175 homes on part of Lord Cobham's estate by developer Cala Homes.

Lord Cobham said: "Having seen and had explained to me all of the detailed evidence and technical reports produced by Cala and their specialist consultants my conclusion is that many of the fears of some local residents are unfounded."

Cash from the sale of the land, off the A456 Kidderminster Road and the A491 Stourbridge Road, will be spent on the upkeep of the hall and put towards the planned public reopening of Hagley Park.

Lord Cobham said Cala Homes has legal control over the site and councillors will take the ultimate decision on whether to grant planning permission.

Villagers said they were worried that a flood of new neighbours will stretch schools and village services to breaking point.

A separate plan for 70 homes on land off Western Road has also been unveiled.

Truck in the pink for cause



Grandmother Mo Usowicz and the pink truck dedicated to her daughter Nikki Usowicz who died from cancer - top are Nikki's daughters Danni Perrins and Jade Perrins with Zoe Lloyd, friend of the family, and Olivia Moffat, daughter of Jade, seated

Town hall music

MUSIC for all ages will be performed at Dudley and Stourbridge town halls as a season of matinee shows continues.

Dudley Town Hall is focusing on swing music and old-time variety. The Good Old Days of Music Hall and Variety will be performed on October 16, Timeless Theatre: Rolling Back the Years on November 5 and the Too Darn Hot Christmas Special on December 11. The shows are on Tuesdays at 2pm. To book call 01384 812812 or visit www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment.

A SIGN-WRITER'S truck is in the pink to help pick up funds for breast cancer awareness month.

Chris Cook, owner of AKC Signs, Wordsley, has fitted his black pick-up truck with pink plastic and is calling for sponsors to be featured on the signage to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

He already has 26 firms signed up

and he will keep the new colour scheme throughout October. The total so far is £1,300. It was a tragedy among friends which prompted this special effort, as a friend of Mr Cook and his wife Kelly - Nikki Usowicz - recently lost her battle with breast cancer. She leaves daughters Danni, aged 18, and Jade, 21. Call 07891 473204 to sponsor.

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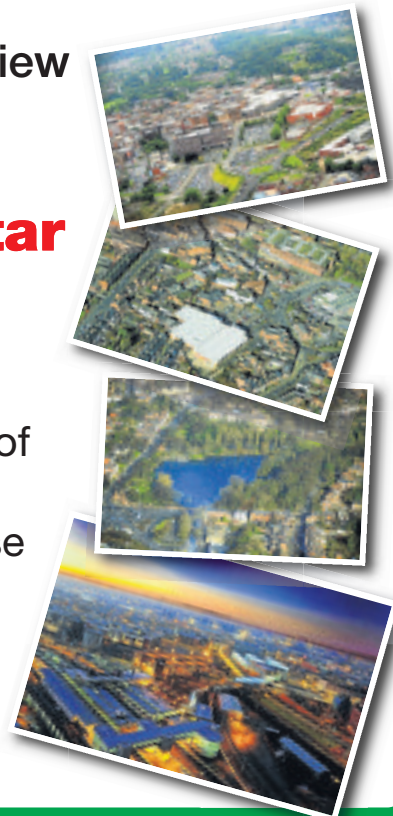
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NEWS

Flooding as pipe bursts at sheltered home block

FLATS in a sheltered housing block in Stourbridge were flooded after a water pipe burst. Residents at the Nene Close complex awoke to fire crews working to remove the water from the lower floor.

by Lee Watton

A communal area and main corridor were left soaking and the water entered some of the ground-floor flats after the kitchen water pipe burst before 5.30am last Thursday.

Council officials said no-one had to be evacuated.

Two flats were badly affected. Workers from Dudley Council, which runs the complex, were called to the scene to begin the clean-up.

Specialised vacuum cleaners were used to soak up the water.

Resident Edna Knight's flat was the worst affected.

The 75-year-old said it had been a shock to wake up and see what was happening.

"I literally swung my feet out of bed to find the carpet absolutely soaking and wondered what was going on," she said.

"I was told the water pipe had burst and flooded the entire ground floor. It is a

bit of a mess, and some of my clothes have been left soaking, but there is no serious damage," she added.

"The council workers have come in and are now drying out the carpets," she said. I have lived here 18 months and have had to move everything around again for the work to be carried out."

Fellow resident John Chapman, 73, said he had been fortunate as the flood waters had only reached his hallway. I know it has made a bit of a mess," he said.

Dudley Council repairs manager Trevor Williams said: "Fortunately it looks a lot worse than it is.

"I don't believe anyone will have to be rehoused.

"The carpets have been left very wet on the ground floor, and we will be working throughout the day to remove the moisture and make any re-pairs."

Alex – a special delivery



Debbie and Anthony Bagbee with their new baby Alex

A FATHER had to become a midwife and delivered his own son when the baby made a sudden appearance.

Many men could have passed out at the prospect but car mechanic Anthony Bagbee, aged 35, is the talk of the town after calmly bringing son Alex into the world.

A West Midlands Ambulance controller talked Anthony through what he had to do on the telephone when his wife, Debbie, went into labour at their home in Beachcroft Road, Wall Heath just after 8am on September 26. Alex was born at 5.30am, weighing 7lb 5oz. "Ant is fantastic – a lot of men would have passed out but he kept calm and it was a normal delivery," said Debbie, 34, a commercial manager.

Anthony said: "She went to have a bath and called to me that she was having contractions. 'I helped her into the bedroom and dialled 999 while she lay on the bed. The ambulance controller talked me through it."

Takeaway migrant held

TWO illegal immigrants, including one in Stourbridge were caught in raids by border agency officers in the region. A man from Afghanistan was arrested by officers as they swooped on Road House takeaway, in Stourbridge Road, Lye, on Monday of last week. Checks by the UK Border Agency showed the man had entered the UK illegally. In a separate raid, officers arrested another Afghan man in Small Heath, Birmingham.

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NEWS

Canal trust gets set to navigate festival weekend

THOUSANDS of people are expected to descend on a boating festival in Stourbridge. Around 100 narrowboats journey from across the country to the Stourbridge Navigation Trust open weekend.

This year's event takes place on

October 20 and 21 on the Stourbridge Arm Canal by the Bonded Warehouse, Canal Street, between 10am to 5pm.

There will be a craft fair across the two days and visitors will be able to see a large rally of boats along the waterway which stretches down to the

Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal. Cash raised goes into the preservation of the Stourbridge waterways. There will also be a classic car display and fair ground attractions.

Entrance is free. For further details call Chris Dyche on 01384 375582.

Joy as balti restaurant curries favour with MPs

A FAMILY-RUN restaurant in Lye has been highly commended for its good food by a group of MPs.

Balti Bazaar, Pedmore Road, was nominated by Conservative MP Margot James, to take part in the Tiffin Cup, a competition to find the best South Asian restaurant in the UK.

The restaurant was involved in a curry cook-off with 12 other restaurants from around the country at the Commons.

After presenting a certificate to the restaurant, Miss James said: "I'd like to congratulate the Balti Bazaar for the fantastic achievement of being highly commended in the prestigious Tiffin Cup 2012."

Invites

Manager Rais Miah manager, said: "I opened the restaurant 17 years ago. It's very popular, we serve a lot of happy customers."

"It was fantastic to be nominated. Margot visits the place regularly and so do some councillors. It's great that she recognised us for our efforts."

The competition, now in its seventh year, is organised by the Tiffin Club of MPs. It invites their colleagues to nominate the best restaurants from their constituencies for the The Festival of Curry at the House of Commons.

Ms James said: "Balti Bazaar has a very good atmosphere and great food. The staff really go out of their way



Stourbridge MP Margot James presents the certificate to Balti Bazaar chef Mohammed Monsur Ali after the restaurant's success in the contest

to make you feel at home." Head chef Mohammed Monsur Ali was presented with a chef's hat and coat. Following this success, Ms James has nominated the restaurant and Red Forte, Wollaston, for the British Curry Awards in London next month. She said: "The Balti Bazaar and the Red Forte are excellent restaurants at which all the

staff are dedicated to giving the customer a wonderful experience. I have enjoyed meals at both and am delighted to nominate them for the British Curry Awards."

She added: I am very much looking forward to the British Curry Awards, and I am sure that Stourbridge can bring home a winner".

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NEWS

Donations flood in for Scout group hit by raid

THE community has united to help a Scout group after raiders smashed their way into the headquarters and stripped it of all the youngsters' camping equipment.

Some 20 people have contacted the 1st Bromley - Pensnett group since the Chronicle's sister paper the Express & Star reported on Monday's break-in.

They have offered to donate a new front door, a gazebo and a tent, along with gift sets and bouquets that can be raffled off to raise cash. Scout meetings had been temporarily cancelled until proper repairs could be carried out to the front door.

The meetings will be able to continue as soon as the door is replaced.

Lisa Passmore, volunteer and fundraiser for the group, today said she was "amazed" that people had been so generous.

Devastated

Among the items stolen - thought to be worth between £2,000 and £3,000 - were 10 six-man tents, a water barrel, camping cooker, dining shelter, vacuum cleaner, electric generator, lawn mower, an axe and a bow saw. It is the second time in three months that the group has been burglaried, last time walkie talkies were stolen.

The youngsters - aged five to 16, most of them boys but including eight girls - are devastated by their loss.

The burglars broke into their HQ in Bromley, off Bromley Lane, Pensnett, some time between last Wednesday night and Monday night.

Miss Passmore said: "We're really grateful to all the people that have got in touch, it shows that people are really generous."

The gazebo was donated by Halfords, while the rest has come from residents who read about the thefts in Wednesday's paper.

Police are investigating the raid and are appealing for information.



Assistant Scout leader Dave Passmore with Beaver Ashanti Coombey and Scout William Passmore and other members at the Scout HQ

Call to help get weeding

OVER-50s who would like to help tend an allotment are being urged to contact Age Concern for Stourbridge and Halesowen.

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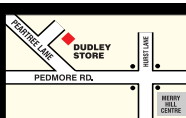
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- Teachers interest and motivate students well. Students enjoy learning, particularly when they are working in groups or pairs, and when encouraged to take responsibility for their own performance.
- Students' behaviour is outstanding. This is reflected in their excellent behaviour around school and their punctuality to lessons. Students enjoy coming to school ...
- Leaders and managers enable the school to perform well in all aspects. The impressive curriculum provides a broad and balanced range of opportunities leading to rich and memorable experiences. The use of the observatory to extend the science curriculum is an excellent example of this. Students benefit from varied programmes of trips, residential visits and invited speakers. These help ensure that students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding is promoted well.
- Students feel safe in school and are encouraged to take responsibility for their own actions. This is evident in the courtesy and respect students show each other, staff and visitors. There is no litter around the site. Students appreciate and respect the high quality of work displayed around the school. Relationships both with staff and between students are excellent and reflect the positive school ethos. Parents, carers and students spoke about the care and support all staff provide, and the impact they have on students' confidence, learning and feelings of safety. Bullying of any kind rarely occurs and students are confident it is dealt with effectively. Students understand the different types of bullying ...
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- Leaders have an accurate understanding of the school's strengths and priorities for development. They effectively support and challenge staff, and set high standards for quality and performance through effective professional development and performance management.
- Student participation contributes well to the excellent work the school does with its numerous partners.
- The curriculum is outstanding because the school achieves its aim of providing a highly personalised curriculum for every student which drives their learning and wider understanding of social, moral, spiritual and cultural issues. The curriculum also underpins students' high levels of achievement ...
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BLONDE attractive educated lady 50, young minded, seeks professional tall male, 45-55 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391818

42YR old Sagittarian 5ft 7ins, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks genuine, caring guy interested in films, meals out, country walks, gardening and travel, 45-55. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 358399

SUSIE gorgeously feminine and sensual, loves lazy summer days, misses male companionship WLTM someone with sense of adventure and lust for life. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394117

LOUISE youthful looking female looking for spontaneous male to put some love and lust back into life. Call me. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392491

HOME alone with no one to call my own! 38yr old girl looking for fun. Can travel. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 363277

JOY 36 petite medium build, blue eyes, loves romantic walks, meals in/out, WLTM male 30-45 for meets. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 386629

BIG bubbly black female, single mum, looking for male for nights in and out. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392501

CHRIS attractive slim sophisticated redhead, seeking male 30-50's to relax with and get to know. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392401

LOUISE 35, loves meals out, wilm tallish, considerate mature male who is not frightened to express themselves and enjoy life. ACA. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 395727

MICHELLE attractive 30's female, blonde, feisty and very much single, seeking quality company, hopefully more with nice romantic male. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 395717

CAROLINE 42yrs, slim attractive blonde. Varied interests and solvent. WLTM honest male of any age. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 395675

SAMANTHA pretty brunette, very busty 36, intelligent, independent with a really lust for life, seeks big hearted stocky male/dad. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 395035

YVONNE lonely 32yr old single mum of one, slim, brown hair, WLTM discreet male for mutual attention without complications. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 395027

JAN lonely divorced female with older children looking for male for mature/adult companionship without ties. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394663

SARAH nice looking blue eyed slim brunette, WLTM similar lonely male for fun times hopefully leading to ltr. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394575

MADDIE extremely passionate female 37, seeks reliable male to enjoy the finer things in life and tactile relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394565

PAULINE divorced female on the wrong side of 40 looking for adult fun with easygoing highly driven man if you get my drift? Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394463

SLIM male, seeks lady 35-45, size 12-18, GSOH for friendship, possible relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394591

ANNA 29yr old nurse, 6ft curvy auburn beauty, likes cosy nights in, genuinely seeking older, well built male to look after, 40-60yrs. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 375139

SARAH 38, slim, nice looking, tactile, no ties, WLTM kind, loving male to enjoy affectionate relationship. Any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 378483

LYNN 37 single mum, petite slim and very pretty, seeking caring funny guy to be with and become my Mr Wonderful. Dads welcome. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391087

MORAG 21yr old attractive dark haired student nurse, new to area and very lonely seeks mature male for mutual companionship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391087

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 384852

LOVING caring young 67yr old female, 5ft 2ins, slim size 12, brown hair, likes meals out, GSOH, smoker, seeks slim, smart male with GSOH, 58-62. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 364651

STACEY young 20yr old looking for fun. Call me to find out more. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 382091

JANE 46, single mum, N/S, romantic, likes dancing, nights out, music, seeking male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 380591

CURVY red haired female, been hurt in the past seeks older male to buy her flowers and mend her broken heart. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 377432

FUN loving lady, outgoing, honest, caring, likes socialising, seeks older male, 50-70. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 383325

LADY widow, 58, slim, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks smart, intelligent, easygoing man with GSOH who enjoys conversations, days out, short breaks, meals out. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 387427

SALLY slim attractive feisty redhead, intelligent, easygoing, WLTM similar male for friendship and more, looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393469

WIDOW 70, genuine, kind, caring, laidback, seeking male for friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 387013

EASYGOING down to earth female, likes cooking, exploring new things in life, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 386893

LADY young 60, outgoing, friendly, smart, likes cinema, shopping, meals out, seeks similar female friends for days out and evenings. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 387117

PAULINE attractive petite nurse, loves evenings in/out, looking for honest male to share loving friendship and good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 379535

SARAH 23, attractive, brunette, slim, looking for male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392979

KAREN witty female who loves to laugh, WLTM similar male to share interests, romance, cosy nights in and more. Psc call. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393125

CARING lady, 52, brown hair/eyes, seeks male, 30-60 for socialising, meals out, cinema, music, sports and having a laugh. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392883

FARMER'S granddaughter, OHAC, stunningly attractive, respectable, sincere, WLTM countryman/bachelor, 48-62, 5ft 9ins plus, genuine, uncomplicated with GSOH and TLC. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 387204

BUBBLY female, 42, young at heart, honest, caring, likes outdoors, cinema, theatre, meals out, seeks likeminded male/soul mate, 40-50. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 357919

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SUE 5ft 2ins female, brown hair/eyes, loving, likes music, socialising, films, good times, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393223

VICKY honest caring female 33yrs, GSOH, loves meals in/out, travel, cinema, WLTM someone to enjoy nice things in life with and romance. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 383911

DENISE tall leggy good looking single mum, easygoing, enjoys nights in/out, animals, WLTM tall male for fun times possibly more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391873

JENNY blue eyed cuddly independent female, loves countryside, animals, cooking, WLTM older male to spoil and look after. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 378481

KATHY caring lady 60, medium build, smoker, seeks caring, smart male 55-65 for companionship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 374773

MAUREEN seeks male 32-45 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 323543

SLIM professional, attractive, amiable lady, seeks genuine, articulate, professional gent, 55 plus with GSOH, who enjoys the good things in life. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 386615

33YR old black haired, medium built, 5ft 3ins female seeking soul mate. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 389799

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 329319

NATALIE 30, attractive, size 12, black, seeking male for romantic fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 387753

SINGLE mum, 36, 2 children, seeks fun loving male with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 382595

GENUINE female, 36, brunette, blue eyes, 5ft 7ins, fun, outgoing, adventurous, GSOH, looking for tall, honest, genuine male for good companion, dates and romance. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 388327

SHAPELY attractive, light skinned black female, 39, seeks attractive, fit, male, 30's, builder type, tanned, rugged for relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 231152

POLLY dark hair, 50, attractive, outgoing, seeks special outgoing male for days out etc. Telford. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 371127

SLIM 32yr old blonde, kind, caring, good listener, honest, likes to have fun, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393973

YVONNE looking for Christian male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391135

MADELINE 5ft black seeks male 26-41 with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 375789

IRENE 55, blonde hair, brown eyes, loving, caring, genuine, N/S, lots of love to give, seeks male, 55-60 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392807

DARK haired lady, 45, seeks N/S male, 40-50 for friendship and nights out. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 330549

ATTRACTIVE widow, 5ft 8ins, OHAC, GSOH, likes meals out, holidays, WLTM gent, 70-80 for friendship and happiness. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 330461

PRETTY size 8 female, 19, seeks male to spoil and treat her like a Princess. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 335019

GENUINE West Bromwich female, smoker, many interests, seeks fit male, driver preferred for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 334841

NICKY looking for attractive male 48-55yrs for fun, good times and relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 388393

50YR old female, seeks male for fun and socialising. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 233580

KIND loving lady 43, slight disability, seeks genuine male for romance. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391863

CHLOE pretty single female 36yrs, dark hair/eyes, slim build, very lonely and looking for reliable male for mutual companionship maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 387057

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GENUINE male, 43, brown eyes, 5ft 10ins, outgoing, adventurous, seeks slim-average build female, 30-40. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396289

59YR old male, 5ft 8ins, seeks younger lady for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392908

IAN 44, single dad, loving, caring, honest, seeks similar female, 30-45 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392874

PETE 54, GSOH, loving, loyal, likes walks, animals, seeks lady for meals out, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392934

46YR old Telford male, likes walks, motor bikes, meals out, seeking special lady. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396393

MIKE 47, 6ft, easygoing, kind, considerate, seeks female, 25-45 for friendship and outdoor activities. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396367

GOOD looking male, brown hair, blue eyes, 5ft 6ins, seeks female for relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392092

HONEST loyal male, 64, seeks lady for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393759

PATRICK 60's, single, sensual, likes sports, music, reading, seeks lady friend to share evenings/weekend characters together. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396053

STEVE 39, 5ft 9ins, medium build, likes walks, seeks female, slim-medium build, single mum welcome. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396709

MATURE gent, honest, sincere WLTM mature lady, 70-80 for long-term friendship, honesty more important than looks. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392551

JOE 45, GSOH, attractive, medical professional, seeks female for daytime fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396671

SINGLE dad, 39, on a budget, seeking an outgoing, fun female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393012

42YR old single dad, nice looking, genuine, honest, seeking special female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396611

HEREFORD male, 46, looking for single lady, slim, attractive, single lady for fun and good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396705

32YR old slim, dark haired male, adventurous, creative, likes music, walks, cycling, photography, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 352753

39YR old single dad, likes cosy nights in, seeks single, slim lady for fun relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396061

CLIVE 46, seeking hot chick for plenty of action. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392772

JOSEPH 40 tall, GSOH, seeks female, 26-48 for fun and relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394103

TIGER Woods lookalike, seeks big beautiful woman for fun and games. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393737

MALE 70's widow, kind, honest, caring, likes socialising, holidays, nights in/out, seeks loving female for respectful, caring relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393559

GOOD looking 48yr old male, GSOH, honest, caring, loyal, hurt in past, looking for loving female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394159

PROFESSIONAL male, 42, hurt in past, seeks female, 32-40. Single mum welcome. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392769

NAUGHTY 40 something, tall, smart, GSOH, seeks lady for rainy days and Sundays. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392665

TOM 62, fit, likes tennis, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392859

MALE 38, seeks female, any age for daytime fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392845

GOOD looking 39yr old male, likes pubs, music, walks, swimming, seeks nice female. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392943

51YR old male, 6ft, dark hair, single parent, likes most things, sports, seeks slim, honest, caring female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392933

A really nice divorced gent, late 40's, 6ft 1ins, fair hair, kind, caring, romantic, GSOH, seeks lady for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392474

DAVE 47, well built, divorced, 2 children, WLTM lady of similar age for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393789

MALE 6ft, slim, easy going, kind, caring, seeks female, 70-79 for friendship, days out, walks and holidays. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 395447

STEVE 59, seeks attractive lady for discreet daytime fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 395397

WHITE male, 48, medium build, blue eyes, seeks female, any age/looks for adult fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 395177

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MALE 44, seeking male, 18-23 for fun relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391626

BI male, divorced, young, fit 50, own home/business, seeks male, 18-4

What's On! Stourbridge

Make hot date for Coldplay tribute

A COLDPLAY tribute band are to play at The River Rooms in Stourbridge this coming weekend.

Coldplay will be at the venue on October 5 from 7.30pm to 2am.

The band, formed in Grimsby in 2003, pride themselves on the passion they put into the band's songs.

They say their ethos is to give the audience the nearest experience to seeing Coldplay themselves.

Tickets, priced at £8, are available by calling 01384 397177.

Six-piece group relive Jackie days

A SIX-PIECE professional live act are to hit a stage in Stourbridge next week.

The Jackie Generation play hits from Abba, 10cc, The Osmonds and David Cassidy.

They will perform their live show at The River Rooms on October 6 from 10pm to 2am.

Tickets, priced at £8, are available by calling 01384 397177.

Modfathers due

THE UK's number one Paul Weller Tribute will be arriving in Stourbridge next week.

The Modfathers will perform at The River Rooms on October 12 from 7.30pm to 2am.

Tickets, priced at £9, are available by calling 01384 397177.

Great Expectations for a gothic take on Charles Dickens classic

A NEW stage version of Charles Dickens' Great Expectations is coming to Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre before being staged in London's West End.

The classic Victorian novel, about the sudden elevation of young blacksmith Pip into middle class society thanks to a mystery benefactor, has recently been turned into a popular BBC TV series, with Gillian Anderson as the wraith-like manipulator Miss Havesham.

That same role will be played by Helena Bonham Carter in the forthcoming movie version.

In this new stage adaptation by playwright Jo Clifford, Dickens' novel has been condensed into just over two hours of action set in Miss Havesham's grand gothic dining room.

Paula Wilcox (Hilary Potts in Emmerdale) will play Miss Havesham with Chris Ellison (from The Bill) as escaped convict Magwitch and Jack Ellis (from Coronation Street) as the lawyer Jaggers. The role of young and old Pip will be shared by two actors.

Directed and co-designed by Graham McLaren, who made the National Theatre of Scotland's acclaimed production of A Christmas Carol, it has been described as a quick-fire and audacious production.

It is on from October 9-13.



Gothic expectations – a scene from the new touring production of Great Expectations

Tour is top of the flops

THE stage tour of Top of the Pops Live, which was due to visit Wolverhampton and Birmingham, has been cancelled due to poor ticket sales.

The show, starring TV and radio presenters Sam Nixon and Darlaston-born Mark Rhodes, had been due to be staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from October 29 to November 3. It has also been due at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from March 4 to 9 next year.

Show producers Flying Entertainment said they made the decision to cancel due to "disappointing demand" across the country.

Grand Theatre spokeswoman Vicky Price said theatre bosses were "frustrated" because more than £3,000 worth of tickets had been sold. "This suggests it would have been popular with Wolverhampton theatre goers," she said.

Anyone who has already booked can get a full refund from the venue box offices.

Join in the fun as decades do battle

WHO do you fancy? John Lennon or Madonna, The Beatles or Michael Jackson?

A selection of music from 1970s will be pitted against songs from the 1980s at a special event in Stourbridge.

The 70s vs 80s One Stop Boogie night will take place at The River Rooms on October 13 from 7.30pm to 2am.

Tickets, which are priced at £8, are now available by calling 01384 397177.

Evening will be rhapsody for all

A QUEEN tribute band will perform in Stourbridge on October 20.

Flash will entertain at The River Rooms on the night from 7.30pm to 2am.

The band is led by Scott Maley, who ensures a fine tribute to Freddie Mercury by copying his dresswear.

Tickets, which cost £9, are available by calling 01384 397177.

Neil's topical tour

NEIL Innes performs a wry, poignant, humorous and topical one-man show in Stourbridge on October 30.

The man, made famous for his work with Monty Python, will be on stage at the Town Hall at 8pm.

Tickets, priced at £15, are available by visiting www.dudley.gov.uk.




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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 6.10.12

CHOICE



Bradley James

Merlin BBC1, 7.45pm
It seems the world can't get enough of the Beeb's Arthurian adventure saga, so there will be a lot of happy fans when the saga returns for a fifth run this week. In the opener, Camelot looks more prosperous than ever, but in the frozen north, men are vanishing without explanation. King Arthur (Bradley James) and his knights risk life and limb to find out why, but to get answers, Merlin must first fight a battle that pushes him to his limits. As ever, the cast includes Richard Wilson as Merlin's mentor, Galus with Angel Coulby and Katie McGrath.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigellissima. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. 2.15 Bargain Hunt. 3.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 Final Score. 5.10 News; Regional News. 5.30 All New Total Wipeout.
6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host the second of this weekend's live shows, as the remainder of the couples take to the floor with either a cha-cha-cha or waltz. Zoe Ball returns with Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two on Monday.
7.45 Merlin. New series. King Arthur and his knights travel to the frozen north in search of several men who have disappeared, only for Merlin to find himself battling fate itself.
8.30 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. High-tension quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles. Sisters Sonia and Soraya attempt to win the top prize of £100,000.
9.20 Casualty. Denise announces she is leaving Holly with the children, leading a devastated Linda to throw herself into her work, while a patient alerts the staff to a thief in the ED.
10.10 BBC News: Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester City v Sunderland; National Lottery Update.
11.50 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.
1.05 Weatherview. 1.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.05 Animal Park. (R) 1.05 Film: Tarzan's Greatest Adventure. (1959) 2.30 Film: The Lizzie McGuire Movie. (2003) 4.00 Film: Easy Virtue. (2008) 5.30 Wartime Farm. (R)
6.30 Flog It! Paul Martin meets members of the public keen to sell their belongings at auction in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. He also discovers how to make a traditional trug basket. (R)
7.30 Dad's Army. Jones is given some black-market pigeons – but soon discovers they were taken from Trafalgar Square. Originally broadcast in October 1972. (R)
8.00 Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs. Pamela Cox unearths tales of servant rebellion during the Edwardian era, as employees begin to question the merits of a life spent in service. (R)
9.00 QI XL. Extended version of the quiz. Stephen Fry poses questions about people whose names begin with "J" to Katy Brand, Sue Perkins and David Mitchell.
9.45 Arena: Magical Mystery Tour Revisited. The making of the Beatles' TV film Magical Mystery Tour, which originally aired on Boxing Day 1967 at the height of the band's popularity – but was greeted with critical disdain.
10.45 Film: Magical Mystery Tour. (1967) Musical comedy, directed by and starring the Beatles.
11.40 How the Brits Rocked America: Go West. (R) 1.40 Film: Daddy and Them. (2002) 3.15 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 11.20 The X Factor. (R) 12.40 ITV News; Weather. 12.45 Film: Jurassic Park. (1993) 3.00 Film: Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace. (1999) 5.35 Regional Programme; Weather. 5.45 ITV News; Weather.
6.00 New You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a fresh selection of comical clips filmed by viewers on their camcorders, mobile phones and webcams.
6.30 Fool Britannia. Hidden-camera show in which Dom Joly unleashes a host of pranks and oddball characters on unsuspecting members of the public across the nation.
7.00 Take Me Out. New series. A postman, a personal trainer, a musician and a student try to impress a new line-up of 30 single women.
8.00 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary presents the first live studio round, as the 12 remaining acts take to the stage in the hope of impressing the judges and millions of viewers at home. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.
10.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Stephen Fry and Taylor Swift.
11.20 ITV News; Weather.
11.40 Film: Before Sunset. (2004) Romantic drama sequel, starring Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy.
1.00 The Store. ITV News Headlines. **3.00 Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.10 ITV Morning News.**

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) 6.30 British F3. 6.55 International Volleyball. (R) 7.50 Channel 4 Presents: Jonnie. (R) 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 T4: Adele: Real Stories. 10.00 T4: Justin Bieber: London Live. (R) 10.50 T4: Revenge. 11.50 T4: Suburgatory. 12.20 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.50 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 4.20 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 4.55 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 5.25 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 5.55 Come Dine with Me: Ireland.
6.25 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv. A pagan with voices her beliefs about over-population.
7.00 Jaws: The Great White Myth. The story of how Steven Spielberg's 1975 blockbuster about a great white shark terrorising a small island community had a massive impact on the world's oceans and their inhabitants.
8.00 Comedy World Cup. Andy Parsons, Jon Richardson and the Chuckle Brothers take on Omic Djalili, Daniel Sloss and Joe Pasquale as the comedy quiz tournament continues. David Tennant asks the questions.
9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Keith Lemon and Patsy Kensit team up for the quiz in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers. Davina McCall asks the questions.
10.35 Film: Panic Room. (2002) Thriller, starring Jodie Foster.
12.45 Film: Sancharram. (2004) 2.45 Hollyoaks. 4.50 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.45 Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.10 Looney Tunes. (R) 11.20 Looney Tunes. (R) 11.30 Film: The Towering Inferno. (1974) Disaster movie, starring Paul Newman and Steve McQueen. 2.40 Film: 55 Days at Peking. (1963) Fact-based period drama, starring Charlton Heston. 5.40 Film: Gremlins 2: The New Batch. (1990) Joe Dante's comedy sequel, starring Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates, John Glover and Christopher Lee. 7.50 5 News Weekend. 7.55 Film: Battle of Britain. (1969) RAF pilots under the leadership of Air Chief Marshal Hugh Dowding defend Britain from the might of the Luftwaffe. Second World War drama, with Laurence Olivier and Michael Caine.
10.20 CSI: Miami. The team investigates the assassination of a billionaire, and Loman discovers the killing may be linked to a prototype for a revolutionary new bullet.
11.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team investigates the shooting of a psychic in her occult shop. The empty till points to a robbery, but the post-mortem suggests the attack was premeditated. (R)
12.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. 4.00 HouseBusters. Life-enhancing changes to a home. (R) 4.25 Divine Designs. (R) 4.50 Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. The gang tries to cheer up Milky. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. Big Chris forgets Marsha's birthday. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel. 8.00 Top Gear. 9.00 Live at the Apollo. 9.45 Russell Howard's Good News. 10.20 All American Dad Weekend
BBC Four
7.00 Human Planet. 8.00 Explosions: How We Shook the World. 9.00 Inspector Montalbano. 10.40 The Story of Light Entertainment
ITV2
4.20 The X Factor. 5.40 Film: Free Willy (1993). 8.00 Film: Back to the Future (1985). 10.20 The Xtra Factor. 11.20 Take Me Out – The Gossip
ITV3
3.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot. 5.50 Murder, She Wrote. 6.50 Foyle's War. 9.00 Vera. DCI Stanhope investigates a murder at a remote cottage in Northumberland. 11.00 Come Connections
ITV4
3.10 Film: Spartacus (1960). 7.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 8.00 River Monsters. 9.00 Film: Fire Down Below (1997). 11.10 Film: The Howling (1981)
E4
3.00 Desperate Housewives. 4.00 Revenge. 5.00 How I Met Your Mother. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 7.30 Rules of Engagement. 8.30 Suburgatory. 9.00 David Blaine's Street Magic. 10.00 Film: Sex Drive (2008)
Film4
3.45 Meet Dave (2008). 5.30 Bride Wars (2008). 7.20 The Man (2005) Comedy, starring Samuel L. Jackson, Eugene Levy and Miguel Ferrer. 9.00 Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) Director John Woo's action thriller sequel, starring Tom Cruise, Dougray Scott, Thandie Newton and Anthony Hopkins. 11.25 Saw II (2005)

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 7.10.12

CHOICE



Andrew Marr

Andrew Marr's History of the World BBC1, 9pm

Say what you like about Andrew Marr, his latest series is nothing if not ambitious. He has just eight weeks to explain, well, everything - although he's been surprisingly comprehensive thus far, having covered topics from humanity's earliest roots in Africa, the earliest civilisations, and the first great empires. And that was in just two episodes. This week, he looks at the spiritual revolutions that took place around the world between 300BC and 700AD. It was an age that saw Buddhism, Christianity and Islam develop.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.20** Cash in the Attic. (R) **2.05** Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix Highlights. **4.05** A Question of Sport: 2012 Olympics Special. (R) **4.40** Points of View. **4.55** Songs of Praise. **5.30** Planet Earth Live: A Meerkat's Tale. **6.30** BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

7.00 **Countryfile**. Matt Baker explores Northumberland's bloody past, revealing why farmers had to build fortified houses, and Adam Hanson finds out if dung beetles could help boost his crops. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 **Antiques Roadshow**. New series. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit RAF Marham in Norfolk, where items include a gold cup and a Victorian book. Red button viewers can play along by guessing valuations.

9.00 **Andrew Marr's History of the World**. The spiritual revolutions that shook the world between 300BC and 700AD.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

10.25 **Match of the Day 2**. Including highlights of Newcastle United v Manchester United.

11.45 Film: **Halloween H20**. (1998)

1.05 The Sky at Night. **1.25** Weatherview. **1.30** Sign Zone: Andrew Marr's History of the World. (R) **2.30** Holly City. (R) **3.30** The Paradise. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **12.30** Film: **Safari**. (1956) **1.55** Film: **The Long Ships**. (1963) **4.00** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Rugby League.

6.00 **Great Barrier Reef**. Monty Hall reveals how an array of creatures travels thousands of miles to visit the reef, and considers how climate change could affect its future. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 **Top Gear**. Jeremy Clarkson and James May pay tribute to Swedish car manufacturer Saab, and Doctor Who star Matt Smith gets behind the wheel of the Reasonably Priced Car. (R)

8.00 **Built in Britain**. Part one of two. Evan Davis explores the engineering challenges facing 21st-century Britain and goes behind the scenes of projects updating the nation's infrastructure.

9.00 **Dragons' Den**. Two graduates seek funding for their update of a 200-year-old invention, which they believe will create a new form of street advertising.

10.00 **Mock the Week**. With guests Ed Byrne, Alan Cochrane and Gary Delaney. (R)

10.30 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks**. With Wretch 32, Gareth Malone and guest host Example. (R)

11.00 Film: **The Quiet American**. (2002) Drama based on Graham Greene's novel, starring Michael Caine, Brendan Fraser, Do Thi Hai Yen, Rade Serbedzija and Tzi Ma.

12.35 Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix Highlights. (R) **2.35** BBC News. **4.10** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITY: CITY. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.30** ITV News: Weather. **12.40** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.40** The X Factor. (R) **3.55** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. **5.00** Downton Abbey. (R)

6.00 **Connall with Caroline Quentin**. Representatives from a luxury accommodation service visit a converted country barn. (R)

6.30 **Regional Programme**: Weather.

6.40 **ITV News**: Weather.

6.55 **The Chase: Celebrity Special**. Nicholas Owen, Laila Rouass, Vanessa Feltz and Tim Vine try to win cash for charity by outwitting one of the show's resident trivia experts. Bradley Walsh hosts. Last in the series.

8.00 **The X Factor Results**. Dermot O'Leary reveals the results of the public vote and the acts in the bottom two have to sing for survival. With performances by Leona Lewis and Ne-Yo.

9.00 **Downton Abbey**. Branson's political views land him in trouble. Ethel makes a difficult decision about her son's future. Anna is dispirited by Bates' silence, and Carson begins recruiting a footman.

10.05 **ITV News**: Weather.

10.20 **The Classic Brit Awards 2012**.

11.50 **Premiership Rugby Union**.

12.35 The Story of TV. Headlines. **2.40** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.30** Motorsport UK. **4.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** London Triathlon. **7.55** Channel 4 Presents - Lee. (R) **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Will & Grace. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35** Film: **My Best Friend's Wedding**. (1997) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. **5.35** Film: **Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs**. (2009)

7.20 **Channel 4 News**.

7.50 **4thought.tv**. Professional dating coach and mother-of-two Bryony Anne Leatherbarrow shares her belief that human beings are at their best in romantic relationships.

7.55 **The Political Slot**. With Stratford-on-Avon MP Nadhim Zahawi.

8.00 **Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home**. The Grand Designs presenter searches for innovative off-grid solutions for his cabin, examining an experiment in north Wales where dog excrement is being used to create methane.

9.00 **Homeland**. New series. Return of the award-winning thriller starring Claire Danes and Damian Lewis. Carrie's mental health begins to improve - until an old asset resurfaces.

10.05 **Friday Night Dinner**. New series. Return of the comedy, starring Simon Bird.

10.35 Film: **Bruno**. (2009)

12.30 Comedy World Cup. (R) **1.05** American Football Live. **4.45** Grudge Match. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Play! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.05** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.10** Extraordinary Dogs. (R) **11.40** Inside Hollywood. (R) **11.50** Dallas. (R) **12.50** Film: **The Cannonball Run**. (1981) **2.45** Film: **Hell to Eternity**. (1960) **5.10** Film: **MacArthur**. (1977)

7.35 **5 News Weekend**.

7.40 **Film: Dumb and Dumber**. (1994) A dimwitted duo embark on a chaotic cross-country trip to return a briefcase to its owner - unaware of the fortune within. Comedy, with Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels and Lauren Holly.

10.00 **Film: Shoot 'Em Up**. (2007) Premiere. Action adventure, starring Clive Owen.

11.45 **Film: Kill Switch**. (2008) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal.

1.35 **SuperCasino**. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Be Your Own Boss **8.00** Gavin & Stacey **9.00** All American Dad! **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy **11.25** Cuckoo **11.55** Russell Howard's Good News

BBC Four

7.00 Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks **7.30** The Story of Light Entertainment **9.00** Neil Diamond: Solitary Man **10.00** Love Me Do 62 **11.00** The Best of Kenny Everett's Television Shows - Part 1 **11.35** Best Possible Taste: The Kenny Everett Story

ITV2

2.50 Film: **Peter Pan** (2003) **5.00** Take Me Out **6.05** Take Me Out - The Gossip **6.50** Film: **Back to the Future Part II** (1989) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Girlsfrsnds **11.45** Fearnie and James Blunt

ITV3

4.50 Film: **The Intelligence Men** (1965) **5.55** Lewis **9.00** Aud. with Lionel Richie **10.05** Film: **Arthur** (1981)

ITV4

11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship **6.00** Goodwood Revival 2012 **7.00** The Sweeney **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: **The Quest** (1996) **11.00** Film: **We Own the Night** (2007)

E4

3.20 Ugly Betty **4.15** New Girl **4.40** Suburgatory **5.10** Revenge **6.10** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: **Crocodile Dundee** (1986) Comedy, starring Paul Hogan. **10.00** 2 Broke Girls **10.30** The Inbetweeners **11.35** New Girl

Film4

2.45 The 7th Voyage of Sinbad (1958) **4.30** Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home (1986) **6.55** She's the Man (2006) **9.00** Keeping Mum (2005) **11.05** The Escapist (2008)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Kingdom of Heaven, Channel 5, 11pm

A French blacksmith joins a crusade to Jerusalem, where he becomes a knight and pledges to defend the city and its people. However, the ailing king has little time to live, while his hold on the fragile peace between Christians and Muslims looks set to slip as factions on both sides plan to seize power. Ridley Scott's historical epic, starring Orlando Bloom, Eva Green, Liam Neeson and Edward Norton. (2005)

TUESDAY

Mamma Mia!, ITV1, 8pm

A former member of a singing trio running a hotel on a Greek island is reunited with her old bandmates for her daughter's wedding – but is surprised when three of her old flames also show up unexpectedly. The three men have been invited by the bride, who wants to find out which one of them is her father. Musical comedy, with a soundtrack of Abba songs, starring Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Julie Walters, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgard and Amanda Seyfried. (2008)



Sliding Doors, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.15pm

WEDNESDAY

Sliding Doors, BBC1, 11.15pm

A London woman's entire life hinges on whether or not she catches a train. In one version of events, she gets the chance to start afresh and lead a happy new life, but in the other she is stuck supporting her lazy, unfaithful boyfriend. Comedy drama, presenting two parallel stories featuring the same character. Starring Gwyneth Paltrow, John Hannah, John Lynch, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Zara Turner, Douglas McFerran, Paul Brightwell and Nina Young. (1998)

THURSDAY

Mystery Woman: Oh Baby, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Amateur detective Samantha Kinsey discovers a body on a golf course and the police immediately suspect the groundskeeper, who goes on the run. However, the sleuth is convinced he is innocent – but she has more on her hands than just the case when the fugitive's wife asks her to look after their baby son. Detective drama, starring Kellie Martin and Clarence Williams III. (2006)

FRIDAY

The Draughtsman's Contract, BBC2, 12.55am

An English noblewoman employs an artist to paint pictures of her husband's estate in exchange for sex – and matters are soon complicated when her daughter becomes involved in the secret arrangement. Peter Greenaway's drama, starring Anthony Higgins, Janet Suzman, Anne-Louise Lambert and Hugh Fraser. (1982)

Pick of the Week

Young wizard makes another magical return

In 1979, the BBC made The Legend of King Arthur, a version of the oft-told tale of brave knights, legendary sword Excalibur and the Lady of the Lake.

Andrew Burt (Emmerdale's first Jack Sugden) played Arthur, and Robert Edlison (Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade) was his faithful sorcerer Merlin. It was worthy, but a bit dull; little wonder the seven-part saga died a death after one series.

These days many viewers want their Arthurian legends to look like Hollywood blockbusters rather than dusty old dramas, which is probably why Merlin is still going strong after four years.

Admittedly, there were a few problems when it debuted in 2008, not least a dragon with the voice of John Hurt who kept repeating the sorcerer's name every 30 seconds. Thankfully, the script has improved a lot since then, so there will be a lot of happy fans as the saga returns for a fifth run.

In the opener, Camelot looks more prosperous than ever, but in

the frozen north, men are vanishing without explanation.

King Arthur (Bradley James) and his knights risk life and limb to find out why, but to get answers, Merlin (Colin Morgan) must first fight a battle that pushes him to his limits.

Of course, had the Harry Potter saga not been such a huge success, there's a good bet Merlin the series would have never been given a green light.

But with young British wizards being a lucrative commodity, creators Julian Jones, Julian Murphy, Johnny Capps and Jake Michie decided to strike while the iron was hot and get their show out to the masses.

With the first series averaging an audience of 6.2 million an episode, BBC bosses soon waved their magic wand and commissioned a second run. Why does series regular Anthony Head (Uther) think Merlin has succeeded where so many similar shows fail?

"If you handle fantasy right and don't take your audience for granted and basically try to push the

envelope a little bit, you get a very interesting show," he explains. "People have tried before and failed because of not observing the above."

In the early days Head, who returns later in this run, was worried that the part of Uther would be a disappointment to himself and fans of the legend.

"When I first was offered the show I was a little worried that my character and the show might be a little bit two-dimensional, and might be a bit young," he admits "But I was assured right from the outset ... that was not their intention and they wanted it to have several levels and basically give the audience plenty of dark to go with the light."

He adds "It's sold worldwide to an incredible number of territories and at the same time does really good business on the night."

Though the Beeb apparently planned five series from the outset, as many are transfixed by Merlin's magic, it wouldn't be much of a shock if he and Arthur returned for more after this run.



Colin Morgan stars in Merlin, Saturday, BBC1, 7.45pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

EastEnders BBC1, 8pm

Poor Lola – she may be young, stropky, and silly enough to be impregnated by her murderous cousin Ben, but that doesn't mean she doesn't want to be a good mum to her baby daughter. After a hearing at the youth court, Lola fears she might have lost Lexi for good, but Cora urges her to keep fighting for her child. However, she probably didn't think the troubled teen would take her words quite so literally, as Lola loses her temper and throws the social worker's notes across the room. That's really not the way to convince the authorities she can be a responsible mother.

Monroe

ITV1, 9pm

The Beeb may have cracked the art of creating long-running medical dramas such as Casualty and Holby City, but ITV1 have had trouble in that department. Medics, A&E and The Golden Hour have all come and gone, but as Monroe touched a chord with millions last year, there's a chance James Nesbitt's series could run and run. During the latest rounds, the eponymous neurosurgeon has to choose between trainees Springer and Wilson, both equally deserving of a place on his team, while Bremner and Shepherd's relationship shows signs of strain. Plus, Gabriel faces one of the most challenging cases of his career when he treats a woman with an aggressive brain tumour. Sarah Parish, Tom Riley and Neil Pearson also star.

TUESDAY

Emmerdale ITV1, 7pm

There's not long to go until the folks of Emmerdale celebrate their 40th anniversary with a special live episode. However, while fans count the days until that event, there's still plenty to tide them over with this visit to Yorkshire's most scandal-riddled TV village. In the latest offering, Cain is concerned with Chas's cash flow problems, but she's adamant she doesn't need his help. Things take a dramatic turn when Cain tells Debbie it was Chas that robbed the pub. His concerned daughter wants answers, so little wonder Chas feels rotten as Debbie has a go at her for lying and letting Cameron get dragged into the accusations.

Person of Interest

Channel 5, 9pm

It's time to get Carter. No, not the character played by Michael Caine so memorably in the classic British gangster flick of the same name – and not the distinctly less fascinating one portrayed by Sylvester Stallone in the woeful US remake either. Instead, this Carter is a detective called Jess. Reese and Finch have to find a way to buy her silence – preferably by killing her. They draw up a list of three possible perpetrators, but they might not have to worry about her for

much longer; a mysterious courier delivers a bunch of flowers with a note of condolence for Carter in light of her death. Has she really been wiped out, or are the very people who needed her dead now the only ones who can keep her alive?

WEDNESDAY

Grand Designs Channel 4, 9pm

Kevin McCloud seems to be everywhere at the moment. This weekend (October 12-14) he's fronting Grand Designs Live in Birmingham; there's more Man Made Home on Channel 4 Sundays as he continues to work on his eco-shed, and now there's another new helping of the show that made his name. This week he's off to see a dramatic new cutting-edge home by the River Thames, the brainchild of Nigel and Lysette Offley. They want to build it in the middle of a community dominated by pricey traditional houses. Although many people would love to live in a charming old boat-house by the Thames, the Offleys have decided to tear the whole thing down and start again.

Grand Designs, Wednesday, Channel 4, 9pm

THURSDAY

Homefront ITV1, 9pm

Claire should be beside herself with glee because Pete is home. The problem is, she hasn't yet told him she's got a job, and is busy trying to keep from him the fact that his teenage daughter, Millie, has been sleeping with Rob, one of the soldiers in his battalion. Incredibly, Claire is so busy she doesn't even notice that her own son, Sam, is so sick of having his stepsister steal the limelight from him that he's decided to leave home. Meanwhile, Tasha struggles to cope on her return to work and plans to set up her own business with her mum – until she catches Cheryl in bed with her boyfriend, who's determined to take her back to Spain with him.

FRIDAY

Live International Football ITV1, 7.30pm

England welcome football minnows San Marino to Wembley Stadium for this evening's 2014 World Cup Group H qualifier, where anything other than an emphatic win for Roy Hodgson's men will be seen as a poor performance. There have only been two previous meetings between the nations, both of which were part of the qualifying process for the 1994 World Cup. While many familiar with that campaign will not remember the 6-0 victory claimed by England on home soil, most will recall the reverse fixture that saw England go a goal behind after just eight seconds when Davide Gualtieri capitalised on a short backpass by Stuart Pearce, a lead San Marino held for 20 minutes.

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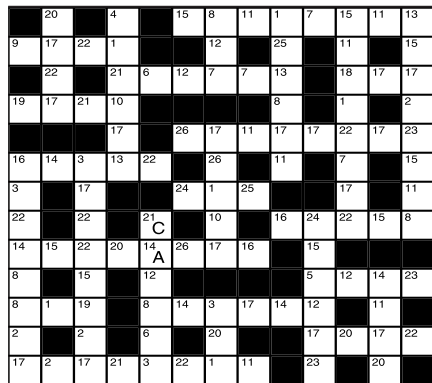
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

A	H	B	V	C	U	F	M	N	P	S	Y	K
T	E	G	Z	O	Q	R	W	J	L	D	X	I

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

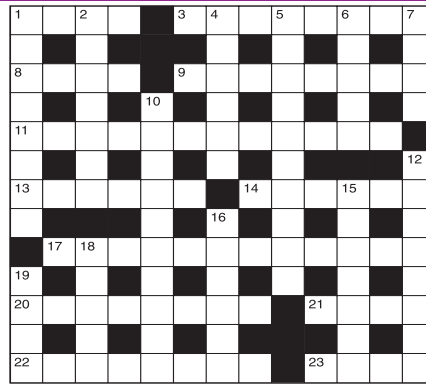
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Yet it's work for actors (4)
3. Variety of liquorice (3,5)
8. As an afterthought, they crawl (4)
9. Not accidentally engaged? (8)
11. A chess match, for example? (5,7)
13. Mail for the landlord (6)
14. One art that's becoming decorative (6)
17. He's responsible for the classroom's re-organisation (12)
20. For which one needs to be in fighting form? (5,3)
21. Sparkling wine from Castile (4)
22. High points of religious architecture (8)
23. Looks both ways (4)

Down

1. Don't miss the delivery, but co-operate (4,4)
2. Serpent has to stop on the road (7)
4. Bird allowed outside the inn (6)
5. Not as inert as loud (10)
6. Finally captured an earthwork (5)
7. Half of the record team (4)
10. Groundless rumour that there's unemployment? (4,6)
12. Almost a hit with the girl (4,4)
15. Its rate is adjusted for a professional performer (7)
16. Disturb a sleep, if you don't mind (6)
18. A girl left in custody (5)
19. Legislative measures followed by Romans (4)



Quick Clues:

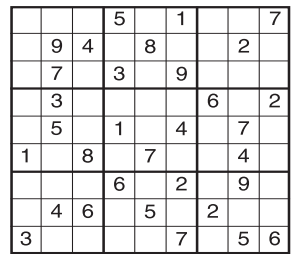
Across

1. Persia (4)
3. Cherished (8)
8. Locate (4)
9. To loose (8)
11. Mass (12)
13. Contemporary (6)
14. Revenue (6)
17. Bubbling (12)
20. Dreadful (8)
21. Moist (4)
22. Praised (8)
23. Pure (4)

Down

1. Example (8)
2. Object (7)
4. Fester (6)
5. Cunning (10)
6. Surpass (5)
7. Dispatch (4)
10. Unimportant (10)
12. Sixfold (8)
15. Daunt (7)
16. Develop (6)
18. Chief (5)
19. Footwear (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

1	7	6	8	3	4	2
4	2	8	1	7	3	5
3	9	5	6	4	2	1
9	6	4	7	2	1	8
7	3	1	9	5	8	4
5	8	2	6	4	7	9
6	1	7	3	9	2	8
8	4	9	2	1	7	6
2	5	3	4	8	6	9

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Yells in pain; 9 Arbutus; 10 Notch; 11 Bower; 12 Drawn up; 13 Cobble; 15 Repeat; 18 Earache; 20 Train; 22 Orate; 23 Parole; 24 Reading lamp. Down: 2 Elbow; 3 Lateral; 4 Inside; 5 Panda; 6 Intense; 7 Gay bachelor; 8 Shapeliness; 14 Barrage; 16 Enthalp; 17 Keep on; 19 Creed; 21 Abaam. QUICK - Across: 1 Catastrophe; 9 Failure; 10 Lotto; 11 Emend; 12 Ditches; 13 Absurd; 15 Gifted; 18 Holiday; 20 Solar; 22 Limit; 23 Transit; 24 Information. Down: 2 Agile; 3 Asunder; 4 Treads; 5 Owllet; 6 Hatchet; 7 After a while; 8 Considerate; 14 Solomon; 16 Instant; 17 System; 19 Ditto; 21 Lasso.

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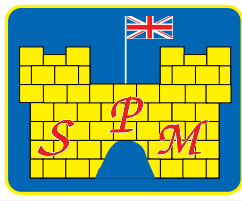
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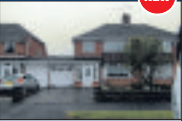
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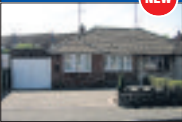
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New Mitsubishi is a workhorse which has stylish looks

IT has been some time since I last tested a Mitsubishi L200 and this model, the Trojan, has been reintroduced for 2012.

It is aimed firmly at the building, plumbing, electrical and agricultural sectors and it is easy to see why.

Exterior-wise the Trojan looks every bit as rugged as its predecessor and in Cosmos Black pearlescent paint is pretty striking as well. It comes fitted with 16in alloy wheels, chrome door handles and wing mirrors which add to the overall appeal that has been a trademark of the L200 range.

Internally, the model I drove was not fitted out with the leather seats but this not detract from the look of the interior. What was a bit of a surprise was the dashboard. Although it was well laid out, it seemed to comprise acres of grey plastic. Eminently practical but lacking in aesthetics department, which given the target market will probably not matter one bit!

Keeping it clean will be an absolute doodle, however. The instrumentation is well laid out and easy to read on the move and the convenient layout shows which

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mode you are using from two wheel, four wheel or diff lock.

What is noticeable is the engine; I was surprised at just how noisy it was. Never completely intrusive but there nevertheless, although you do get used to it pretty quickly. On the positive side the engine has received a massive 30 per cent increase in power, taking it to 175bhp, which really shows and makes a much better proposition for long-distance work.

On the motorway you could leave it in top and use the power to overtake with ease. The gearbox is well suited to the power of the engine but I kept reaching for a sixth gear (it only has five). That said, the ratios seem well spaced, but I did not test it with a trailer so cannot speak for how well it would cope in these circumstances.

From a handling perspective I will repeat my mantra: coil springs on front; leaf springs on back equals bouncy rear end! It really does help the handling to have a load in the back of the pick-up bed as this softens

the ride. This was most noticeable on the Shropshire lanes where it has to be said you became used to it pretty quickly, and it was never dangerous in any way.

On the motorway it was a completely different story. At 70 mph the Trojan settled down and worked extremely well and made cruising long distances a real joy.

Extras

The test car came with a couple of optional extras. The first was a towbar pack which looked well-made and rugged. The other was a load liner. The good thing about this was that it extended over the side rails so you aren't going to destroy the sides of the bed getting things in and out, but it was shiny and pretty much anything I put in it slid about, so some form of anti-slip is required.

The other criticism is how the bed drains. I found two holes at the front of the bed and could find nowhere where this water went other than drained along the steel bed underneath. Fine when brand new but seems like a serious rust trap to me. It would be far better to exclude these and

make the bed watertight, that way parking on an incline and opening the tailgate works fine. Bearing in mind that this is aimed at traders I can't see this being a hardship.

The Trojan is unashamedly aimed at the people who will help Britain out of recession and as a practical pick-up it

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Deano in shape for title bout

DUDLEY'S Dean Anderson is shaping up for his first title shot against the brother of IBF world champion hopeful Jamie McDonnell.

Anderson will travel to the Doncaster Dome on December 1 to face hometown hero Gavin McDonnell for the British Masters super bantamweight title.

Gavin's sibling Jamie has held the British and European titles at bantam and has a final eliminator for the IBF crown against Vusi Malinga on October 20.

After that, Gavin will look to add to the Masters belt to his central area title with Anderson providing the challenge, dropping down from feather in the process.

'Deano' boxed as recently as last week and further enhanced his reputation as an exciting fighter with a four-round slugfest with Bristol's Harvey Hemsley.

Anderson has won five of his seven bouts - two inside the distance. The 25-year-old took time out of the ring after coming a cropper to Birmingham's Sid Razak in 2010, while a compelling brawl with Michael Stupart ended as a draw in May.

Other than that, Anderson has yet to be involved in anything less than a crowd-pleasing contest.

Chess club spring a cup shock

STOURBRIDGE Chess Club second team sprung a surprise in the Terrill trophy.

They drew 3-3 at Boldmere, but went through on board countback, where wins on higher-ranked boards take precedence.

The seconds may well be joined in the next round by the firsts.

The competition's handicap structure means that the firsts needed four points from six games, including one that opponents Shirley & Wythall defaulted.

Stourbridge's Steve-Jukes played well on board five to go a piece up and eventually won his game.

Stourbridge lost on board three, but have good positions in two of the three adjourned games.

Stourbridge are fielding teams in the Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Worcester and Dudley leagues.

To join, call Dave Scriven on 01384 423642 or visit www.stourbridgechess.f9.co.uk for more information.



Avun Jephcott's second goal hits the Causeway net

Jephcott strikes a double

TIVIDALE'S double strike from mid-field playmaker Avun Jephcott saw off Causeway.

There was a warm welcome back to the Beeches before kick-off for Tivdale's returning striker 'Boomerang' Billy Russell, replacing injured Brett Clark to reform a striking partnership with Matt Jukes.

Tivdale applied pressure but Causeway looked dangerous breaking out of their own half at speed.

James Cooper forced the first save as Causeway's Tom Turner held a low drive. In a spell of pressure Matt Jukes had a penalty shout rejected as his heels were clipped when he turned in the box and Russell was thwarted by a

Tivdale 2 Causeway U 0

Darren Whitley tackle. At the other end, Craig Gregg forced a double point-blank save by Tim Beech.

In the 35th minute Jukes' shot flew just over from 20 yards. Minutes later Tim Beech dived to keep out an effort from Aaron Lloyd.

Causeway almost snatched the lead as Stuart How headed wide when well placed at the far post two minutes into the second half. Twelve minutes later Lloyd went closer as his header clipped the outside of the post.

This effort proved to be the wake-up call for the 'Dale and minutes later

Jukes had another well taken effort smothered by Turner.

The game was swinging from end to end and Causeway's Stuart How and Sam Beasley were both thwarted by Beech before Jephcott seized on a blunder by Turner, who lost the ball in flight, to slam the ball into the net from 10 yards.

The goal spurred on Tivdale, who began to play their best football of the match and they fully deserved their second and clinching goal.

The hard-working Jukes was brought down in the penalty area and Jephcott stepped up in the 87th minute to convert a well-taken penalty to seal a hard earned win.

Harry's game as he starts goal rush

Stourbridge U12A 2 Kidderminster U12 1

Stourbridge U13A 6 Sporting Khalsa U13 0

STOURBRIDGE took the initiative when a cleverly worked ball found its way to Harry Franey to stroke home the first goal.

Stour went two up when Kieran Thomas chipped the keeper. An own goal made it 3-0 and Callum McKenna's long-range shot found the corner for four.

Franey got a fifth before half-time and Lucas Johnson slotted home a precise finish in the second half.

Stourbridge U13B 3 Oldswinford Youth U13 1

Stourbridge played some good football and scored when Ryan Woodhouse crossed for a powerful finish from Brooke Price.

Conner Fowkes found the top corner for 2-0 and although Oldswinford got one back, Jack Davies clinched victory with a low shot to the corner.

Stourbridge U14B 4 Continental Star U14 1

Stourbridge eased into the third round of the Open Cup. Luke Groves cut the ball back for Alex Lowe to finish well from close range for the first goal.

Star equalised, but Ross Pritchard split the cover for Groves to claim the second goal. He was the provider for the third, Alex Lowe responding with a calm finish.

Hayden Curtis rounded the keeper to finish off the scoring.

Hinckley United U15 6 Stourbridge U15A 1

Surprisingly, given the scoreline, Stour controlled the first half and led at the interval thanks to a Luke Brookes penalty.

They had the better of the opening exchanges before Hinckley scored from a corner, quickly added a second and then pushed clear.

Stourbridge Girls U15 2 Sutton United Girls U15 2

Stourbridge U16A 3 Lutterworth Athletic Academy U16 2

Josh Wright opened the scoring for Stour before Lutterworth equalised. Calvin Campbell restored the lead but again the visitors levelled before Scott Cox got the winner.

Halesowen Harriers U16 1 Stourbridge U16B 4

Liam Kendrick scored twice and Luke Dimmock and Greg Corbet once each in this win.

Stourbridge Girls U17 0 Droitwich Spa Lions U17 3

Glassboys' second exit from cup competition

Stourbridge 0 Ilkeston 1

THE GLASSBOYS suffered their second early exit from a national cup competition this season after their Derbyshire visitors got a well-deserved victory thanks to a forceful second-half display.

The Northern Premier outfit had the first chance in the eighth minute as Daryll Thomas crossed but Aaron Hooton scuffed his shot. A minute later the Glassboys had an escape as a right-wing corner saw Jack Watts' effort drift against the underside of the bar, bounce on the line and be cleared by Sean Geddes.

Stourbridge's Ben Billingham fed Drew Canavan and his cross saw Leon Broadhurst's header graze the bar. Billingham curled a shot wide and on 21 minutes Geddes' shot produced an tip-over save.

Six minutes later a header from Paul McConne hit the woodwork with Luke Benbow unable to finish as Timms dived on the ball.

Tangle

On the half-hour Nathan Bennett got in a back-header that drew a good save but then Kevin Wilson's side had a long kick from Timms saw Sam Smith and keeper Lewis Solly get in a tangle.

Hooton pushed the ball past Solly but also wide. Stourbridge returned on to the attack but James Reid lashed a chance over for Ilkeston. The visitors made a better start to the second-half and could have led in the 49th minute as Thomas blasted over the bar.

Minutes later Ilkeston led

Stourbridge FC

as Matt Richards combined with Thomas whose cross from the left was flicked on for James Reid to volley home at the far post.

Stourbridge carved out a chance on 55 minutes as Benbow shot off-target.

A dreadful slice towards his own goal by Canavan set up Reid, but his close range shot was blocked by Solly at his near post.

Richards released Watts and he tried to lob Solly but the keeper got a hand on the ball to send it wide.

Solly kept out a shot from Chambers and then Canavan hit a curling shot that Timms pushed away.

Billingham, possibly distracted by team-mate Benbow down injured inside the box, then shot at Timms.

Benbow shot wide but an Ilkeston spot-kick by Reid was saved by Solly who went the right way.

However, Gary Hackett's men could not find a late equaliser in the time remaining.

Heathens on opposite sides for Wolves clash



Dudley Heathens team-mates Ashley Morris, right, and Tom Perry, left, found themselves in opposite sides of the pits when Wolves hosted Belle Vue. Wolves asset Morris stood in for the injured Jacob Thorsell while Perry donned the famous Ace of Clubs racejacket in place of the sidelined Craig Cook. Perry got the better

of the pair's individual battles and, but for a thrown chain, might well have helped Belle Vue to victory. His efforts also earned him a spot in the Banks's Olympique on Tuesday, October 16. But it was Morris who ended up on the winning side as Wolves edged it 46-44.

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Corbett spot on for Yeltz

Halesowen 3 Gresley 0
NEW Halesowen manager John Hill watched his in-form team hit three second-half goals to progress to the next round of the FA Trophy ahead of him taking charge.

In an even first half, Luke Corbett's early strike for Halesowen was ruled out for handball and home goalkeeper Paul Evans spread himself to make a fine save from Richard Hanslow.

The second half was a different story and the prolific Ben Haseley handed Halesowen a 61st-minute lead. Halesowen sealed a place in the next round with two late penalties.

Haseley was bundled over as he squeezed past Douglas in the 81st minute. Confusion followed when Jordi Gough was shown a straight red card in an apparent case of mistaken identity.

Corbett then hit home his second penalty off Haseley's legs after Marc Goodfellow brought down Craig Milligan with four minutes remaining.

The result concluded a successful unbeaten five-game spell for the caretaker trio of Neil Barnfield, Pete Denham and Colin Brookes.

High calibre of entries for contest

ENTRIES have poured in for a three-man bowls tournament with an unusual format.

Sixteen three-man teams will take part in the competition at The Gate in Colley Gate, Halesowen on Saturday.

The knockout event sees each side take part in a singles and doubles match, with the aggregate score deciding the winner.

Organiser Gary Peniket has secured backing from local businesses, including Wolverhampton work platforms supplier Safe Access Solutions and Birmingham windscreens supplier Motorglaze, meaning a £770 overall purse for the event.

Play gets under way at 10am and is expected to end at around 9pm at the green, which is equipped with floodlights. The bar will be open and food available.

It is a high-calibre list of entries and Peniket hopes the Gate Three-Man Team may become an annual event.

Draw: Moor Lane v George B, BSM v Sutton Park, Royal Oak v Dudley Dell, North Mids v KGV B, George A v Greville, KHP v KGV A, M&S Cheslyn Hay v Cradley Libs, Selly Park v Derbyshire.

Sam's the man to make a pay day in the ring

by Craig Birch

STOURBRIDGE'S Sam Eggington has a plan to make boxing pay the bills as one of the youngest professionals in the country finds his way in the world.

British Boxing Board of Control rules state that fighters cannot turn pro until they are 18 and Eggington, 19 next month, has already made his debut.

The teenager first punched for pay away from home in Swansea against Leon Findlay, from nearby Ammanford, in a points win on September 15.

The father-of-one already had his next fight assignment from trainer and manager Jon Pegg for October 19, on ex-pro Tommy

Owens' first show as a promoter. Eggington will step into the ring at the Holiday Inn on Queensway, Birmingham again looking to prove he has the grounding from a sterling amateur career.

The Warley ABC amateur was a two-time national champion, winning Clubs for Young People and ABA Novice titles and reaching a junior ABA semi-final.

His pro turn came before he had even boxed a season in the senior ABAs but Eggington believes the time was right to make his move. He said: "I probably could

have had another year as an amateur but I didn't want to be there and to be in a pro gym is amazing, it's so different.

"All I can remember is boxing, I have trained three times a week since I was really young and I have never been out of the gym. "Gym time has become a habit and the quicker I can make boxing my nine to five job, the better for me and my family.

"At the high level in Britain, it's very competitive at welterweight but I think I can take it all in my stride."

Eggington is up against 27-year-old Doncaster foe Charlie Thompson in Birmingham. Findlay was 28 when he stepped

through the ropes with the teen and Eggington won't respect his elders when it comes to boxing.

He said: "I don't want to be spoon fed opponents. If I have a lot of easy fights I could be blasted out of the water when I go for a proper one."

"The last guy I fought was 28 and I didn't feel much of a difference, he was a good lad but he got drained towards the end."

"I am resilient, I just carry on and I have never been stopped in the amateurs."

"I am quite strong and, for a tall lad, I like to work on the inside with uppercuts and hooks. I can take it and dish it out."

Town do it the hard way after big lead

Dudley Town 4 Wednesfield 3
THEY did it the hard way, as Dudley Town moved to within two points of second place in the West Midlands Premier League.

Having been 4-0 up, they let Wednesfield back in with a crazy 10-minute spell.

Dudley have a growing injury list with the latest additions being Alex Cowley and Dreniz Bala who suffered ligament damage while celebrating an equaliser at Cradley Town.

The Robins led on 13 minutes through Rion Francis-Mills and it was 2-0 four minutes later as Francis-Mills scored.

In the 38th minute Steve Edmunds crossed for Dudley captain Danny Ludlow, to net. It might have been 4-0 on the stroke of half-time, but Anthony Cox's shot hit the woodwork.

Ten minutes after the break Francis-Mills completed his third hat-trick in Town colours but, seconds later, Oal Agbayewo took scored for Wednesfield.

Peter Moskal then took advantage of a set play that the hosts failed to deal with and could have had a third for his side had it not been for Tommy Harper saving.

Wednesfield got a third ten minutes after their first. As Rob Whitley appeared to bring Agbayewo down in the box, substitute Brad Sanderson blasted past Harper.

Dudley denied the visitors a clear chance to equalise and then looked most likely to score as Francis-Mills glanced a shot just wide.

The Robins may build on their form as the injury list reduces. On Wednesday Birmingham-based Bartley Green visit The Dell.

CLINICAL SAXONS DOMINATE SCRUM

THIS was a clinical Saxons performance, the game won up front where Bromsgrove were dominated in the scrum.

Stourbridge's defensive structures also performed well in their sternest test to date. An early kick-chase by Sione Tu'ipolotu forced an attacking scrum where Bromsgrove were penalised for standing up as tight-head Mark George put the squeeze on. The Saxons opted to scrum again, their opponents' scrum disintegrated as it was shunted back enabling Drew Harper to score at the base.

A crooked lineout throw provided another Saxons scrum platform at which the drive came on again, forcing another penalty that was kicked to the corner.

Robbie Hurrell's catch launched a driving maul that was only denied by a side-entry offence that earned a defending forward a yellow card.

The hosts' depleted pack couldn't hold out the drive and Harper bagged another try.

Tom Jarvis secured a kick to send Jamie Hearn down the left, a quick recycled ball was spun wide right where the hosts ran out of defenders enabling Tu'ipolotu to score in the corner. The response was a drive into the Saxons' 22 where patient, structured defence kept out waves of attacks before a knock on was forced.

Bonus

Rich Stott secured a lineout from a Jarvis chip and chase, the ball finding Tu'ipolotu who drew the defenders before putting Hurrell over to score the bonus point fourth try.

Bromsgrove could only respond with a late penalty kick to cut the half-time deficit to 28-3.

The second half started scrappily with errors from both sides, the Saxons guilty of over-complicating in attack enabling Bromsgrove to kick to the corner and force their way over after a 14-man maul drive.

George responded with quite a tidy touchline kick

Bromsgrove 15 Stourbridge Saxons 47



Sione Tu'ipolotu heads for the tryline

for a prop that reached the Bromsgrove 22 where the chase forced a knock-on.

Back on came the Saxons shove and up went the hosts' front row again. The Saxons opted for another scrum and the referee lost patience with the hosts' loosehead who was yellow carded for collapsing. Their again-depleted pack got shunted back enabling Harper to bag his hat-trick.

A further scrum in the hosts' 22 was won against the head, the ball shipped right where Tu'ipolotu slipped a tackle to score his second try. Ryan was then taken out by an unsubtle

obstruction which earned Bromsgrove's second-rower a second yellow card and consequent dismissal. Nathan Bressington found himself in space, drew the final defender and fed Mukarati who scored the Saxons' final try.

The game ended with Bromsgrove hammering away at the Saxons line where they eventually scored after Tu'ipolotu was yellow carded for slowing the ball.

Stourbridge director of rugby Neil Mitchell said: "The scrum will be a key phase as playing surfaces get heavier, and I am pleased with our dominant performance there today."

"But I was unhappy with our second-half performance; we needed to play simple rugby and go through the phases, but we were guilty of forcing the plays, conceded turnovers and putting unnecessary pressure on ourselves."

Saxons coach Mike Umaga said: "We've done a job, we know we can perform with ball in hand but I was particularly impressed with our defensive performance where we took some big strides forward."



Nigel Mukarati launches a Saxons attack with Rich Stott and Tom Brown in support



Drew Harper drives forward during Stourbridge's victory over Bromsgrove

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